#### Iran may go to World Court

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran's prime minister said Sunday that unless more than \$500 million in Iranian assets held in America were returned within a ''definite period of time.' has country would take the case to the World Court. Prime Minister Hussein Musavi did not indicate what time period he had in mind. His comments were reported by the official Republic News Appared marketing in Nicosia Newstripings on return of the period in Nicosia. Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosa. Negotiations on return of the money broke off Wednesday in The Hague, and Iran blamed the United States for failure to reach an agreement so far. But the talks are to resume later. "If there is no result, Iran will bring up the case in the World Court in The Hague, Mr. Musavi was quoted as saying. The Iran-U.S. claims tribunal ruled in Angust that the \$507.7 million held at the New York Federal Reserve Bank should be returned to Iran, and the United States had agreed in principle. The tribunal set a Dec. 20 deadline for the two countries to settle the repayment issue without resorting to international arbitration. However, even though the deadline passed without a repayment agreement, both parties agreed to forego that provision and continue their talks.



#### Iraqi jets hit tanker

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraqi warplanes attacked and damaged a Liberian-flag tanker just south of Iran's Kharg Island nil terminal in the northern Gulf early Sunday, shipping sources quoted by Reuter and AP said. The sources said the 61,614-tonne Matterborn had just taken on a load of Iranian crude oil and was heading south for Larak Island when the jets attacked. The Matternom was working the so-called "Iranian shuttle" run, ferrying crude from the Kharg area to the mouth of the Gulf for transhipment into export tankers. The extent of damage to the tanker was not known and there was no word of casualties. Sunday's attack was the second this year by Iraci aircraft on Gulf ships carrying Iranian crude. Another shuttle tanker, the Cypriot-flag Galerie, was hit no Friday in the same area. Later Sunday, a military spokesman in Baghdad said Iraqi warplanes dealt a "very large maritime target an accurate and effective hit" near the Iranian coast. The Iraqis often use the term large maritime target to refer to tankers they raid in the vicinity of Kharg. Kharg accounts for more than 90 per cent of Iran's crude oil exports.

helicopters

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BEIRUT (Agencies) — Israeli

helicopter gunships attacked

several villages on Sunday in U.N.-policed South Lebanon on

Sunday and police said at least

three people were killed and eight

Police said at least four

helicopters were involved in the

attack, raking roads and fields

around Baraachite and nearby

The raid, the first Israel has

staged in Lehanon this year, was

an apparent reprisal for an attack

last week by pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) fighters

on two posts near Baraachite held

hy the Israeli-backed South

Fifteen SLA men and two

Hizbollah fighters were reported

killed in the clash, during which

Hizbollah overran SLA posts and

captured an Israeli-supplied

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli army

spokeswoman said the helicopters

attacked houses in Khirbet Selm

and Qabrikha, said to have been

used by Hizbollah for attacks on

the Israeli-declared "security

The two villages lie some eight

kilometres north of Baraachite,

which is on the edge of the

SLA-held zone eight kilometres

Israeli aircraft raided targets in

Lebanese police confirmed that

the main targets of Sunday's

attack were the villages of Khirbet

Selm and Qahrikha in the

Ghanaian-patrolled zone of the

U.N. Interim Force In Lebanon

SLA spokesmen had charged.

that last week Hizbollah

attackers infiltrated into

Baraachite through UNIFIL's

On Dec. 24, Israeli troops and

attack helicopters hit a Lebanese

village outside the "security zone"

in the eastern sector of South

Israeli Defence Minister

Yitzhak Rabin last month

confirmed newspaper reports that

Israeli pilots had refrained from

bombing guerrilla targets in Lebanon in order to help the United States free its hostages

The reports said the United States had asked Israel to avoid

hitting the Iranian-hacked Hizbollah to aid American efforts

to secure the release of hostages.

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American hostages," Rabin said.

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Lebanon Army (SLA) militia.

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#### Kuwait names new chief-of-staff

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait on Sunday named a new army chief-of-staff to replace Major-General Abdullah Farraj Al Ghanim, who was said by diplomats to have retired. Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid said Brigadier Mizayyed Abdul Al Rahman Al Sane had been appointed to the post by emiri decree and promoted to major-general.

#### Pakistan says 6 killed in bombing

45

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PESHAWAR, Pakistan (R) Afghan warplanes killed six Pakistanis and injured 14 when they bombed a village near the border, Pakistani police said Sunday. Fifteen bombs were dropped on the Pakistani village of Arandu Saturday afternoon, a senior police officer for the area said. Four people were killed instantly and a woman and a child died later of their injuries, he said. Several houses were destroyed, he

#### Libya mobilising troops along coast

LONDON (AP) - Libya has ordered all demobilised soldiers to rejoin their units immediately to fortify coastal areas, Libyan Radio reported Sunday. An announcement from the armed forces general command, broadcast by Libyan Radio and monitored in London, said all those who failed to obey the order would be "legally brought" to account and their demobilisation cancelled." Libya announced in October that thousands of Libyans had begun fortifying coastal areas with trenches barbed wire and mines.

#### Iran says over 400 killed in floods

NICOSIA (AP) — Recent floods in southern Iran killed 424 people, ruined 1,324 villages and destroyed 1,000 bridges. Tehran Radio reported Sunday. The radio quoted Jalil Besharati, the official in charge of the relief headquarters, as saying more than 10,000 homes and 1,700 kilometres of roads were destroyed. Mr. Besharati said the floods caused 120 hillion rials (\$1.6 hillion) in damage.

#### **Bomb shatters** windows in Tehran

TEHRAN (R) - A hand-made bomb thrown into a shopping mall in north Tehran during the night broke windows but caused no casualties, Tehran police said. Ettelaat newspaper quoted a police statement as saying the homb contained about 1.8 kilogrammes of explosives. It was the first bomb explosion in the Iranian capital this year. A total of 25 people were reported killed in five blasts in the city during 1986.

#### Kahane questioned

TEL AVIV (R) - Israeli police questioned militant Rabbi Meir Kahane on Sunday on suspicion of inciting rebellion for suggesting Jews consider forming another anti-Arab terrorist underground.

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# No let-up seen in **Amal-PLO** battles

Syria and Lebanon agree to receive Arab League panel on 'camps war'

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Gunfire and explosions echoed from two Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut on Sunday and clashes were also reported at the Rashidiyeh settlement in South Lebanon.

Palestinians said Rashidiyeh had come under sporadic sniper, mortar and machinegun fire since a supply convoy reached the besieged camp on Saturday and evacuated go refugees.

Iranian mediators persuaded Shi'ite Muslim Amal militiamen to let the relief column into the battered shantytown they bave ringed since Sept. 30. The Iranians arranged safe passage for a similar convoy on Dec. 13.

Both sides blamed each other for continued fighting in the bitter "camps war," now in its fourth month.

Battles for control of five Palestinian shantytowns in Beirut and the south have claimed at least 700 lives since Sept. 30.

Militias reopened the main coast road between Beiru tand the port of Sidon, 40 kilometres south, after blocking it for several hours following the deaths of two Druze militiamen in an ambush,

police said (See page 2). In Tunis, a statement issued after a pan-Arab committee meeting said late Saturday Syria and Lebanon had agreed to receive the special Arab League committee of foreign ministers to discuss ways of ending the "camps war" in Lebanon, but no date has

Syria, which opposed the setting up last month of the committee of seven foreign ministers and Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi, sent a message to Arab

League headquarters on Saturday, inviting the committee to Damascus, Arab diplomatic sources said.

The committee had been prepared, in a compromise move, to send only some of its members of Syria, but President Hafez Al Assad invited all of them, the sources added,

The committee was formed at an emergency Arab League meeting nearly two weeks ago requested by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). which accuses Syria of direct involvement with Amal against Palestinians in the siege of the refugee camps in Lebanon.

Diplomatic sources told Reuter a willingness by Syria, the main powerbroker in Lebanon, to see the committee was crucial to the Arab League mission.

The communique issued after dinner discussions said the committee had "taken note of the positive replies of Syria and

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# Hawke offers limited Australian role in Mideast peace efforts

Special from Sydney

ON THE eve of a three-nation visit to the Middle East later this month, Australian Prime Minister BOD Hawke has can housey offered to assume a mediator's role in the Arab-Israeli conflict but at the same time ruled out any Australian pressure on any party involved in the Middle East dispute.

In an interview with the Australian Focus on the Middle East magazine, Mr. Hawke said his country did not want to impose itself as a mediator in the conflict, but was ready to exert its good relations with Israel and the Arab World if the parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict asked it to do

The interview was made available to the Jordan Times prior to Focus' first issue which is due to appear in Australia on Jan.

Mr. Hawke, who is due in Jordan on Jan. 23 on a two-day

Britain was

prepared to

go to war

in 1956'

with Israel

LONDON (AP) - Britain was

prepared to go to war with Israel in 1956 because of fears that Israel

might invade Jordan, a British

newspaper quoted secret

government documents published

last week as saying.
The Mail on Sunday quoted the

documents as saying British

defence chiefs drew up a detailed plan codenamed "Operation Encounter" in late 1955-56 for

massive air, sea and land strikes on

The plan was subsequently

endorsed by Prime Minister Anthony Eden but was never put

into operation because the situation in the Middle East changed and Britain ending up

fighting on the same side as the

Israelis in the 1956 Suez clash with

Egypt, the paper said.
The officers who approved...

the military adventure included

the most distinguished names from World War II," the paper

They included Lord

Mountbatten, then Britain's first

sea lord, General Sir. Gerald

Templer representing the army. Air Chief Marshal Sir Ronald

Ivelaw-Chapman and Field

Marshal Sir John Harding, then



Bob Hawke

visit on the first leg of the trip which will also take him to Israel and Egypt, told the magazine Australia believed that any solution to the Palestinian problem should be based on the right of all countries in the region Palestinian leaders in the occupied to live in peace and secure

Israeli President Chaim Herzog visited Australia last year and Mr. Hawke's talks with him covered the Middle East situation. Replying to questions in the

said: - Australia will not exert pressure on any party involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict. 'I am really first going as a listener and not as some sort of advocate."

- Australia supports the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including that to self-determination, within the framework of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. "And we will be saying to all those whom we speak that any settlement must recognise those two fundamentals. Just how that should be worked out - the rights of the Palestinian people - it's quite premature to say."

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# Reagan enters hospital for tests and surgery

Accompanied by his wife Nancy, the president arrived by helicopter at the Bethesda naval medical centre a few minutes

for three to four days and the first lady planned to remain at his side the first night.

Immediately after Mr. Reagan's arrival, a team of doctors from Minnesota's world-renowned Mayo Clinic were to administer a series of tests to check for any recurrence of the colon cancer be suffered in 1985.

On Monday the president will receive a local anesthetic for an operation to relieve discomfort caused by an enlarged prostate gland. Specimens from the gland will also be tested for cancer.

cat scan X-rays as well as a colonoscopy, a procedure involving use of a flexible fiberoptic instrument to internally examine the entire length of Mr. Reagan's colon.

scheduled to make public the findings later Sunday. Medical experts say Monday's surgery, called a transurethral

remove a cancerous tumour from

"What I'm going in for is kind of breeze," he said last Friday. "I've been there before -so don't waste any sympathy on me."

However, Monday's surgery came as a surprise when it was announced last month since Mr. Reagan had a complete urinary checkup last August and Dr. Burton Smith, then the White House Physician, said afterwards the tests showed ''no abnormalities" or evidence of

ten per cent chance doctors will find cancerous cells in the tissue removed from Mr. Reagan's urinary tract, but they said that is ordinarily no cause for great alarm because the type of cancer usually found tends to spread very slowly. The experts said the principal

risk of the surgery is from excessive bleeding, but that this is easily remedied with a blood

#### Consultative Economic Council studies | Israeli local industries and competitiveness charged at Aqaba port on exports, first meeting on Dec. 4. By a Jordan Times and their impact on the Staff Reporter The formation of the council

AMMAN - The Consultative Economic Council held its second meeting on Sunday under the chairmanship of the prime minister, Mr. Zaid Rifai, and discussed issues pertaining to economic activity in the Kingdom, with special focus on production costs, transport and funding new technology for local industries as well as the marketing policies inside and outside the country.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the meeting covered issues related to production taxes levied from protected local

international competitiveness of

Jordanian products.
Also discussed during the meeting were methods and procedures related to funding transfer and acquisition of technology for local industries and the role of the banking sector in financing national investments and streamlining the process of commercial lending and borrowing.

The council was formed in September, 1986, under the chairmanship of the prime minister, with the aim of activating the economic sector and achieving

stemmed from the important role of investment and saving in reactivating fruitful economic activities and in recognition of the importance of close cooperation between the public and private sectors in increasing saving and investment and in achieving the goals of comprehensive development in the country, said a Cabinet statement issued at the

The council serves as a permanent body for free dialogue and exchange of views and consultation hetween

industries and costs of the goals of comprehensive representatives of the public and transportation, including fees national development. It held its private sectors in the country.

# Sabah returns home after visits to Syria and Iraq Kuwait finds support for efforts towards Arab-Islamic unity

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait's Kuwait. Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah returned Sunday from surprise visits to Syria and Iraq, saying he had found support for efforts to overcome obstacles to Arab and Islamic causes.

Kuwait's emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, is scheduled to hostan Islamic summit on Jan. 26. Sheikh Sabah's trip was seen by diplomats as a bid to ensure that Presidents Hafez Al Assad of Syria and Saddam Hussein of Iraq attend the conference in person;

rather than send envoys.

Neither Syria nor Iraq, bitter political and ideological foes -Damascus supports Tehran in the

Both are leading Islamic powers and the presence of Mr. Assad and Mr. Hussein, diplomats said, would add stature to the talks and to any proposals they could be persuaded to support jointly.

Sheikh Sabah flew to Damascus on Saturday and then on to Baghdad with personal messages from the emir for the two leaders. which he said dealt with bilateral ties and Arab and Islamic affairs.

The Kuwait News Agency, in a brief report on the minister's return, said he 'found. understanding and support for official visit to Algeria on what the emir seeks to achieve in Monday, Algeria's APS news the spirit of cooperation to overcome all obstacles facing Arab and Islamic causes."

diplomatic swing appeared to be aimed also at building on earlier pan-Arab contacts designed to

current Arab situation.

the Islamic summit and regional issues with Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz. Mr. Aziz is due to begin an

agency reported.

## Diplomats said Sheikh Sabah's O'Connor visits Herzog's home/office in Jerusalem

Israeli President Chaim Herzog Sunday making him the highest-ranking Vatican official to visit the office of an Israeli leader in the occupied Holy City of

Jerusalem.
The Roman Catholic archhishop of New York, who had

Cardinal O'Connor said he did not know the 60-minute meeting was in Mr. Herzog's office and said, "if anyone in officialdom bere thought that by coming here I was coming to the president's office then there's been a very grave risunderstanding. I would

visiting an office," he added.

The colourful prelate whose

speaking on condition of week-long Middle East tour has anonymity. Investigators seek clue to

the cause of a Brazilian airline crash as doctors fought to keep one of the two survivors alive. Forty-nine of the 51 passengers and crew on board Varig Flight

Investigators from Varig were flying to Abidjan, where airport officials said rescue teams were still searching for the plane's flight recorders.

into the marshy land.

Minutes before the plane smashed into the ground and disintegrated as it carved a trail several hundred metres long through the trees, the captain had reported engine trouble and said he was returning to Abidjan.

French troops, hacking their way to the crash site with

promote a rapprochement etween Damascus and Baghdad. The Iraqi News Agency gave no

details of the verbal message to President Hussein from Sheikh Jaber other than to say it dealt with bilateral relations and the

Sheikh Sabah eartier discussed

Meanwhile, Iran's national

agreed as a compromise to meet Mr. Herzog at his home, seemed embarrassed by a barrage of reporters' questions asking if he was aware the meeting was held in the office wing of Mr. Herzog's residence.

#### Varig crash ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast and grotesquely twisted bodies

and South America.

Varig identified the American condition as serious and could not only as L. Cleveland, without say if he would pull through, providing a hometown, and an from East Germany or West of kin had been informed. Germany.

The French news agency Agence France-Presse said the pilot's last message was that ne was circling to dump excess fuel before coming back to land.

When contact was lost, the control tower called for help from French marines stationed near the airport under military aid agreements. Two units headed for the crash area on dirt roads and by

The Ivorian was conscious when found and told rescuers: "I am in The dead included an too much pain, I will talk American, a German couple and a later." He was rushed to an Briton, according to the airline's Abidjan hospital and was office in Rio de Janeiro. The reported on Sunday to be out of other victims were from Africa danger. Hospital sources described the other survivor's

Varig and diplomats from airline official said he did not countries concerned declined to know whether the couple was give a full casualty list until all next

In Rio de Janeiro, later Sunday Vario released a list of passengers

Forty-nine of the 51 passengers the small La Me River, which and crew died. Varigidentified the survivors as A. Wansa, a British

citizen, and Yessoh Neuba, from Ivory Coast.

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# WASHINGTON(R)-President resection of the prostate, is a

Ronald Reagan, smiling and common procedure for men over waving to well-wishers, entered a 50 years old. military hospital on Sunday for his semi-annual post-cancer checkup and a prostate operation described as common for men his

Mr. Reagan, at 75 the oldest president in U.S. history, told reporters as he left the White House he felt "fine — great."

He expected to be hospitalised

The post-cancer tests included

The White House was

Mr. Reagan had no plans to temporarily transfer power to Vice President George Bush, as he did when doctors performed major surgery in July, 1985 to

Mr. Reagan underwent a similar procedure in 1967 and a spokesman said his doctors advised him then it would probably be necessary to repeat the operation at some point in the

Medical experts said there is a

Mr. Reagan's hospitalisation (Continued on page 3)

Iran-Iraq war - have yet said wbo will head their delegations to

# Cypriot boats run Israeli

gaunt let LARNACA, Cyprus (R) - Two Cypriot ferries docked safely on Sunday from return trips to Lehanon as Israel's foreign minister said one had been intercepted to try to prevent Palestinian attacks.

An Israeli gunboat on Friday stopped the 3,680-tonne Sunny Boat with 64 passengers as it sailed of the Lebanese coast for Jounieh, 130 kilometres north of Israel's border with Lebanon. The navy found Palestinian

fighters on board and sent the ship

home to Cyprus, an Israeli spokesman said.

The Sunny Boat arrived in Jounier on Sunday with 250 passengers while the 8,187-tonne Empress unloaded at dawn in Lamaca after picking up 600 passengers from the Lebanese port. Neither ship reported any

incidents on the seven-hour sea "We don't interfere with what are called innocent boats, harmless boats," Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on armed forces radio. "But so long as we receive information of movement of terrorists or weapons that could endanger Israel, we naturally take preventive actions," Mr. Peres

A foreign ministry spokesman said Israel was "looking into" a strong Cyprus government protest over the interception.

The Sunny Boat's captain and agents deny that it ferries Palestinian fighters to the "camps war" which has raged for three months between Palestinians and the Shi'ite Amal militia in Beirut and South Lebanon. The passenger list showed 36 Lebanese, one Iraqi and 27

passengers from nine non-Arab

countries on board last Friday

when the ship was turned back to

Cyprus. Amal said it had captured a Palestinian at a Beirut checkpoint who admitted arriving from Cyprus with 23 others on a rightist militia boat during Christmas. In Beirut, a "Lebanese Forces"

was running Palestinians into (Continued on page 3)

militia statement denied that it

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OCCUPIED JERUS ALEM been shrouded in controversy also (AP) - In a dramatic turnabout said he had not sought Vatican Cardinal John O'Connor visited consent before the meeting. "I have to believe that I have just informally visited his residence and since that was never at question there was no need for any 'clearance,' Cardinal

O'Connor said. Cardinal O'Connor is scheduled to meet with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at his Jerusalem residence on Monday morning. Earlier. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro said the cardinal's meetings with Mr. Herzog and Mr. Peres would not

violate the Holy See's policy. Navarro told AP in Rome that the meetings would only be "acts of courtesy," noting that Pope John Paul II had met Mr. Peres last year and other popes met Israeli leaders in the past at the Vatican.

regret hat very, very much."

'I would be terribly disappointed if I were allowed to think I was coming on an informal residential visit when in fact I was

(Agencies) — Investigators hunted through jungle outside Abidjan on Sunday looking for

RG 797 to Rio and Sao Paolo died when the airliner crashed into dense and marshy woodland about 40 kilometres north east of Ivory Coast's economic capital early Saturday.

They said the search would probably be a lengthy one since some of the debris had sunk deep

machetes, found badly charred Alepe.

among the smouldering debris scattered over a large area.

The meeting with Mr. Peres

could be seen as a "reciprocal"

gesture for Mr. Peres' visit at

Cardinal O'Connor's New York

home last year, the official said,

But two men, one Ivorian schoolteacher and an as yet unidentified white man, were discovered alive in the tail. Reports of his nationality varied. some describing him as a Lebanese or a Brazilian of Lebanese stock while others said he was a Briton who had flown in foot. from Monrovia on his way to

Soldiers who sealed off the area said the four-engine jetliner on the plane.
crashed about 300 metres from Forty-nine rescuers had to cross in knee-deep mud, near the village of Grand

# Chad claims 748 Libyans killed; tanks, planes captured at Fada

from countries across the Sahara.

Government forces reached the

area on Dec. 31. Since then, the

inflicted heavy damage on the

not be independently verified.

Libya denies it has troops in

States say several thousand

Libyan troops with air support are

The Libyan news agency JANA

In Paris, Issiaka Anaime,

Democratic Revolutionary

Council, the last pro-Libyan rebel

group, claimed in a communique

that the council's troops continued

denied Saturday that Libyan

denied the loss of a helicopter.

based in northern Chad.

since Dec. 11.

N'DJAMENA, Chad (Agencies) - The Chad army says it wiped out about half the Libyan garrison at the oasis of Fada and captured six airplanes, 13 tanks and a radar station.

The command said 748 Libyan troops died and 81 were taken prisoner when government troops took the strategic north eastern town. In a communique broadcast Saturday night hy Radio Chad, the army said 18 government troops died and 54 were wounded in the fighting Friday.

A government force which reportedly heavily outnumbered the Libyan garrison attacked the oasis before dawn Friday. The army said Fada was captured after fierce fighting late that afternoon.

The communique claimed that 13 Soviet-built T-55 tanks, six Italian-built Marchetti ground-attack aircraft and a complete radar station we're captured from the defeated Libyans.

On Saturday, Chad accused Libyan aircraft of dropping napalm on Fada and the outpost of Zouar in the arid Tibesti-Mountains in the north west.

An earlier army communique said the air attacks "were mainly aimed at the civilian population."

It also claimed a Libyan helicopter was shot down at Fada. The army said it repulsed a

Sunday to protest a court ruling

which ordered him to register an

of power, but even more a pity to give up a principle, the

ultra-orthodox Peretz told

The synagogue-state struggle over the registration of converts

involves an inherent clash

between the judicial civil system

and the religious establishment which views Jewish religious law

as the supreme cuthority in

government officials are trying to

Peretz from his d

Peretz announced his intention to

expected to bring down the

matters of personal status.

resign last week.

six-week-old coalition.

"It's a pity to give up a position

American convert as a Jew.

reporters.

Israeli minister resigns

over conversion dispute

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to hold Fada. But French news media said French military sources confirmed Libyan attack at Zouar Saturday, Fada had fallen to Chadian killing 41 Lihyans and government troops.

Chadian tribal forces loyal to Sunday the eapture of the ormer President Goukouni Libyan-held garrison town of former President Goukouni Oueddei hold much of the north. Until October, they were allied with Libya in a stalled effort to overthrow the Chadian "mercenaries," members of the government of President Hissene Islamic hrigade recruited by Libya Habre. They changed sides to oppose Libya after Goukouni was Zouar is a small but strategic wounded in a confrontation with spot on the main desert track Libyan forces in Tripoli and was north to Libya. Chad says Libya reportedly placed under house has attacked Zouar four times arrest in the Libyan capital.

> Chad, a former French possession, gained independence

government claims to have JANA also reported Saturday from Paris that troops were being airlifted from Zaire to N'djamena. Reports of the fighting could The story quoted what were described as "firm sources." Zaire in the past has sent peacekeeping Chad. France and the United units to Chad.

JANA also said that Ide Oumarou, secretary-general of the Organisation of African Unity, met in Tripoli with an forces carried out air attacks and it official of Libya's Foreign Ministry to discuss "problems relating from foreign forces' interference" in African affairs. spokesman for the Chadian

> Libya accuses France and the United States of interference in Chad. Mr. Oumarou was reported by French media to be planning to visit N'diamena as part of what appeared to be a mediation

Chad government sources said military analysts say.

# Fadlallah defends Iran arms purchases from U.S.

Fada in the north of the country

had opened the way for a major

offensive against another major

The Chad government sources

told Reuters that the fall of Fada

was proof of President Hissene

Habre's determination to drive

Libya out of Chad's desert north.

The sources said Mr. Habre was

Mr. Habre has frequently

criticised France for providing

only defensive military aid south

of the 16th parallel, which was

divided the country into two since

1983 when French and Chadian

forces blocked a Libvan-backed

and Jaguar aircraft in southern

Chad and a more offensive French

role against Libya would also be

welcomed by the United States.

MacMillan was rehuffed by then

Prime Minister Anthony Eden

who thought Mr. MacMillan and

Mr. Churchill had been conspiring

outwardly always loval to Mr.

Home said Mr. MacMillan was

France has around 1,200 men

linking Fada with Zouar.

cannot regain the north.

rebel offensive.

past three years.

Libyan base to the north west. BEIRUT (R) -- A pro-Iranian Chad's military high command Shi ite Muslim religious leader said Saturday night its forces had said Sunday that Iran had made no killed 784 Libyans and taken 81 concessions to the United States in prisoner on Friday in fighting at Fada, held by the Libyans for the return for arms shipments.

Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadiallah, seen as the spiritual guide of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah (Party of God) told An Nahar daily that his ties to Iran were based on its commitment to "the Islamic line in its policy,

legislation and moves.
"As for the question of arms They said the next move would be an attack on Faya Largeau, a shipments to Iran ... I do not major Libyan base on the road consider it represents any departure from that line," he said. There is a difference between now likely to increase requests to having political, arms or economic links with a state and subjugation France for air cover, without which military experts believe he to that state."

Disclosure of a series of U.S. arms sales to Iran involving Israel has led to U.S. congressional investigations and charges that profits from the deal were diverted to contra rebels fighting the Nicaraguan government.

The arms shipments also brought the release of three U.S. hostages held by pro-Iranian

Shi'ite groups in Lebanon. Fadlallah dismissed the idea that Iran had compromised its principles in the deals. "I do not consider that Iran has presented anything to America that departs from its Islamic political line," An Nahar quoted him as saying.

#### Lebanese militias "I said that unless we brought in close coast Israel it couldn't be done, Surely if we landed, we must seek out the road after Egyptian forces, destroy them and hring down Nasser's government. Churchill got out some maps and killings got quite excited," it quoted Mr. MacMillan as saying in his diary. According to Harne, Mr.

BEIRUT(R) -- Druze and Shi'ite Muslim militiamen blocked the main coast road linking Beirut with South Lebanon Sunday after twn militiamen were shot dead Saturday night, police said.

Fighters of the Druze-led Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) and the Shi ite Amal militia set up a roadhlock at Jiyeh village, 25 kilometres south of Beirut. The move was to

violent reaction after two PSP militiamen were ambushed and killed as they drove through Ouzai, an Amal-controlled district just south of the capital.

One was a military commander in the Druze-held Shouf hills south east of Beirut, Yasser Zubian. The other was Omar Zubian.

Amal also halted southbound traffic at Ouzai, while Sunni Muslim militiamen stopped northbound traffic at Sidon.

Amal denounced the killings Saturday night, saying: "The reply will be harsh and merciless against the factions which instigate such bands to carry out these attacks."

### Moscow keen to boost Saudi ties KUWAIT (R) - The Soviet with all the Gulf states, especially intervention in Afghanistan.

ambassador to Kuwait said in remarks published Sunday that Moscow was keen to boost its ties in the Gulf, especially with Saudi Arabia.

Emest Zverev also told the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan that Moscow was working towards a solution of the Afghan problem, and a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

"If there was no outside interference, and supplies of arms to rebels from the U.S. the problem could be resolved immediately," he remarked. We are working to develop ties

kingdom by Ibn Saud in 1926 and to send a representative. But the consul, who embraced Islam, was withdrawn in 1938 because of Saudi anger over his extreme proselytising and has never been replaced.

The Soviet Union, in fact, was

one of the first foreign powers to recognise establishment of the

Saudi officials have often said in public that Moscow must change its attitude towards Islam before diplomatic ties can be considered. Riyadh, critical of the Soviet

Saudi Arabia," the ambassador maintains that as a country whose constitution is the Koran, it cannot enjoy formal ties with an atheist state. Mr. Zverev aid Moscow and Rivadh exchanged views through a number of channels, including contacts between their ambassadors in Loudon and many other centres.
Among Saudi Arabia's allies in

the six-nation Gulf Comparation Council, Kuwait agreed to establish diplomatic ties with the Soviet Union in 1963, and Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) followed suit last year. Bahram and Qatar have no diplomatic links with Moscow.

# Detained Iranian ship returns home

TEHRAN (R) — An Iranian cargo ship, centre of a row between Iran and Italy when it was held at Genoa port last month, has returned home, the daily Tehran Times said Sunday.

Italian dock workers refused to service the Iran Jahad until the captain allowed an Iranian stowaway, who they said wanted asylum, to disembark.

Iran protested at the one week blockage and stopped six Italians from leaving Iran as they were about to fly out on Dec. 18 to return home for Christmas.

Italy's Prime Minister Bettino Craxi then ordered the ship released and the Iran Jahad sailed

the same day with the stowaway, 22-year-old Amir Albongmo Maksari, on board. The Iranian embassy in Rome Maksari in the report. said he did not want to go to Italy

and had intended to seek work in the Gulf emirate of Dubai. Tehran Times quoted the ship's captain, Hossien-Ali Yazdani, as million and Iran would try to make saying on returning to Iran that the episode had been a plot by the opposition Mujahedeen-E-Khalo group under the pretext of

supporting buman rights." "The act proved that Italian ports are not safe for cargo ships of run the risk of being seized on whatever flimsy pretext Italy may insulting.

seek to justify her action," it quoted Mr. Yazdani as saying. There was no mention of

An official of the Islamic Republic Shipping Lines, which owns Iran Jahad, said the incident had cost the company over SI good by following up the matter through international circles. Tehran Times said.

The row over Iran Jahad followed the expulsion of three Italian diplomats by Tehran in November in protest over a other countries since they, too, programme on Italian state-run television which Iran found

### Iranian family seeks asylum in Italy The sources said the four had family's arrival, the sources said.

ROME (R) - An Iranian family of four who arrived here without arrived in Rome two days ago on a any identification papers waited at flight from Tehran and had Rome's Fiumicino Airport in remained in the transit lounge hope of getting asylum in Italy, without making themselves airport sources said, without making themselves known to airport police or other

The family, comprising a man, his wife, and their two small children, was not named.

known to airport police or other authorities.

finally alerted police to the elsewhere was not yet clear.

Sources at the Italian Interior Ministry said later that the family had been granted permission to enter Italy temporarily.

Whether the family would A relative resident in Italy had remain in Italy or seek asylum

# Paper claims Iran, Syria and Libya linked to Istanbul synagogue attack

NEW YORK (R) — Iran, Libya several (groups), with the and Syria might all have helped to assistance of more than one sponsor the suicide attack on an government, acting together and September in which 22 division of terrorist labour," the worshippers were killed, the paper said. New York Times said Sunday. The paper

The paper said an investigation Judith Miller suggested that the raid, in which the two attackers thed, was not the work of only one

The paper cited such evidence as Communist Bloc arms found at by its former Cairo bureau chief the synagogue and at the sites of other attacks in Turkey, as well as information from a "terrorist" under arrest in Pakistan, to support its charges.

experts in Paris, London, Israel provided by hallistics, United States to blame only and Istanbul suggest that the interrogators, surveillance of Palestinian leader Abu Nidal for massacre was carried out .... by clandestine shipments in the synagogue attack.

three states as possible sponsors of the Istanbul carnage: Syria, Libya Istauhul synagogue last sharing responsibilities and a and Iran," the New York Times It quoted an Israeli expert as

saying: "Libya buys, stores and distributes weapons through its pouch, Syria provides the logistical intelligence and training .... Iran provides the suicide commandos and some funding."

The paper said that for political reasons it had been easier for

## 4 gunmen killed in clash with Algerian forces

ALGIERS (R) — Four men on the run for 18 mouths after attacking a police school near were wounded in a shoot-out with security forces near Larbaa, about War against France, formed the group in 1984. attacking a police school near Algiers were killed in a clash with security forces Saturday night, the Algerian News Agency (APS)

reported Sunday. It said Mustapha Bouiali,

described by diplomatic sources as leader of a 20-strong group of Islamic fundamentalists, was among the dead. Another three group members

APS said.

The attack on the Soumaa Police School, near Blida, took place in August 1985. A warden was killed and arms were stolen. In October the same year, five Algerian gendarmes were killed in a clash with the group.

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He was jailed for life in his absence at the trial of 135 Islamic fundamentalists in April 1985, the sources said.

The group was set up to attack banks, factories, petrol stations and police stations to get money and weapons to carry out guerrilla warfare in the hills of south of Bouiali, a 46-year-old former Algiers, they added.

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#### Dec. 12 decision by the supreme court ordering him to register ".word "Jew."

Peretz refused to carry out a Shoshana Miller of Colorado Springs, Colorado as a Jew in her identity card. Ms. Miller, 43, was converted to Judaism by a Reform rabbi in the United States before immigrating to Israel.

Orthodox Jews. including has been in government since that time.

TEL AVIV (AP) - Interior to recognise conversions carried Affairs Minister Rabbi Yitzhak out by Reform or Conservative rabhis.

Peretz tendered his resignation "I will never give my hand to the false conversion of Jews," Peretz wrote in his resignation to Shamir. Reform and Conservative Jews have waged a long-standing campaign for recognition in Israel. where orthodox rabbis control all divorce, marriage and conversion proceedings.

> There are four million Reform and Conservative Jews in the United States but less than 9,000 of Israel's 3.5 million Jews belong to those groups.
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> Ms. Miller, who is on a visit to

the United States, said Peretz's The resignation goes into effect resignation was "convincing proof of the necessity of granting equal ia 48 hours but Prime Minister status to all streams of Judaism." Yitzhak Shamir and other She spoke in a telephone

Ms. Miller, who found herself the centre of a national storm, Peretz's resignation is not added: "When I decided to convert, I thought innocently, 25-member government but that I was making a strictly Shamir is seeking to avoid upheaval in his fragile personal commitment.".

Peretz rejected earlier compromise proposals including a proposal that he resigns for one day while Shamir signs the order to stamp the identity card with the

Peretz was elected to parliament in 1984 at the head of SHAS, short for Sephardi Torah Guardians, which holds four seats in the 120-member Knesset. He

#### MacMillan reportedly consulted Churchill on Suez invasion LONDON (R) - Former British Chartwell, Mr. Churchill's family

Prime Minister Harold MacMillan home in southern England, during consulted retired World War II which they discussed invasion leader Winston Churchill over plans. first plans to invade Egypt during the 1956 Suez crisis, the Sunday Times newspaper reported Sunday.

The newspaper quoted Mr. MacMillan's official hiographer, historian Alistair Horne, as saying Mr. MacMillan, then chancellor of the exchequer (finance minister). advocated occupying the Suez Canal zone and was the first to suggest an attack on Egypt with-

Mr. MacMillan became prime minister in 1957 amid the wreckage of the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt which followed President Jamai Abdul Nasser's nationalisation of the Suez Canal.

quoted unpublished extracts from Mr. MacMillan's diaries, followed Mr. MacMillan's death last week at the age of 92 and the release on Jan. 1 of 1956 secret government

documents. The official records do not make clear there was collusion between the British and French allies and Israel over Suez, but Home said Israeli involvement was being considered at cabinet level at the beginning of August 1956, three months before the abortive intervention

The newspaper quoted one entry in Mr. MacMillan's diary, dated Aug. 5, 1956, as saying he had dinner with Mr. Churchill at

#### Eden but that in private made clear he thought he should never have become prime minister. Horoe said that in his last years Mr. MacMillan was leading the rather lonely life of a prime minister who had long outlived his

against him.

contemporaries."

ABU DHABI (R) — Tunisia's Foreign Minister Hedi Mabrouk

## Tunisian aide to visit UAE

will pay a two-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates starting on Jan. 17, Tunisian embassy officials said Sunday. They said he would have talks with senior officials on several political and economic issues.

# FOR THE TRAVELLER

#### QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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# TODAY'S EVENTS

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

An exhibition of architectural paintings of Iraq Al Amir by Francois Lurche and Jean-Fierre Lunge at the Architecture Gallery — Reyad Cantre, Jabal Amman (until Jan. 10).

\* A painting exhibition entitled: "On the Banks of Jordan" at the Jordan National Gallery, Jabal Luweildeh (until Jan. 23).

\* An exhibition of paintings by Moroccan artist Mehdi Qotbi at the Alia Art Gallery, Jabel Amman, First Circle (until Jan. 7). An exhibition of phosographs emitted
 "La Villette" at the French Cultural
 Centre (until Jan. 29).

FEATURE FILM

"Nine to Five" at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre. VIDEO

"Chardian" at 4:00 p.m. at the French **CULTURAL CENTRES** 

Royal Cultural Centre .. tel. 661026/7 Lurkish Cultural Centre ....... 639777 

#### Amman Municipal Library ... 637111 University of Jordan Library 843555 MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mossics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre Amman. Opening bours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabai Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill).

# WHAT'S GOING ON Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

SERVICE CLUBS Lions Asserts Clab. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.
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Philadelphia Rotary Clab. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.
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Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman,

#### Eighth Circle. Tel. 815261, 815410. CHURCHES

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Evangelical Luthern Church, Jabal Amman, 6th Circle, (Rev. N. Smir), Tel. 811295.

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# British Council awards certificates to royal scholarship recipients

AMMAN (J.T.) — The British council representative in whose tawjihi average was 98 per already applied to five universities in the United Kingdom, including Amman, Mr. David Latta, presented certificates Sunday for theoretical physics. Miss Saudi bas accepted her applications. the "King Hussein of Jordan Scholarships" to three past Jordanian recipients of the scholarship. The recipients were Ramzi Shaaban, his sister Randa, and Mr. Yazid Sharaiha. The certificates bore His Majesty King Hussein's signature, and those of the chairman of the Davies' Educational Trust Ltd. and the principal of the Davies' Educational College in the United

Davies' Educational Trust annually to an outstanding academic student with a "promising future"; it is for one year only. Studies during this year stand for the normal "A" level requirement of British University.

This year's recipient of the

The King Hussein of Jordan Scholarships are donated by the

cent, and who is now studying

Cambridge, and they all have

# Arab detainees in Israeli jails estimated at 8,450

issued by the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs estimates the number of Arab detainees in Israeli jails at 8,450, who, it says, are undergoing constant torture and are deprived of basic human

The report said that the Israeli authorities have established 19 prisons for the Arab population in towns and cities of the Palestinian land, occupied since 1948, all of which have cells for solitary confinement and quarters for

Arab detainees whose health conditions continue to deteriorate due to lack of proper medical attention and the "starving policy" practised against them by the prison authorities, the report said. It added that Arab detainees are suffering from anaemia and skin diseases among others, and their diet does not include the minimum calories required for the human body which is 2,500 a day.

The prison authorities deprive the Arab detainees of the right to listen to Arab broadcasts,

# 10 sports complexes to be built

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Youth plans to set up 10 sports complexes in various parts of the Kingdom within the current 1986-1990 five-year development plan, according to Minister of Youth Eid Dahiyat. He said, in an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that each of these complexes should have a capacity for seating 10,000 to 15,000 spectators, in addition to utilities and in-door facilities for basketball, handfall, volleyball, and lawn tennis.

The minister said that agreement has been reached with municipalities and village councils to make available suitable pieces of land for sports projects.

The ministry also seeks to pass legislation governing sports and youth activities, and relations between youth centres and various concerned authorities.

The Ministry of Youth is concerned with the development of hobbies and sports activities among the youth of Jordan, and is also keen on developing the feeling of their belonging to their nation, the minister toted. For this reason, he said, the ministry is planning wide scale programmes that include 40 youth centres, 25-



Eid Dahiyat

established between now and 1990 in the course of implementing the ministry's five-year development plan. At these centres, the youth will be helped to undertake responsible activity and to foster the spirit of team work. These projects, the minister said, are expected to cost JD 6 million.

In addition to these integrated centres, the ministry's five-year plan provides for setting up smaller centres for each district. A r males and 15 for females. 'total of 275 such centres will be-These centres, he noted, will be created at schools where sports

and social activities can be organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, the

He said that a total of JD 950,000 has been allocated for such projects annually, or JD 3.8 million over the coming four

Dr. Dahiyat said that the Ministry of Youth has laid down plans for establishing five standing youth camps. These, be said, will be located at Zay, the Central Jordan Valley, Aqaba, Al Azraq and Shobak, and will include sports facilities, a medical clinic and other basic utilities. The five camps will have an estimated overall cost of JD 750,000.

According to the minister, the five-year plan also provides for expanding the Al Hussein Sports City in Irbid, a project which will be carried out in cooperation with a Chinese firm which signed a contract for the project with the Jordanian government in 1984. This project, he said, entails building a large stadium, a gurraneium hell three surjemping gymnasium hall, three swimming pools, a power station, and other basic utilities, in addition to handball and volleyball courts. He said the project is expected to be completed by 1989.

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Committee to discuss health in occupied

AMMAN (J.T.) — The joint committee for health services in the occupied West Bank will hold a meeting on Jan. 7 to discuss a number of health issues related to Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories, according to an article published Sunday in Sawt Al Shaab newspaper. The eight-member committee is chaired by Dr. Muwafaq Al Fawaz.

#### JMC to change medical exam schedule

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Medical Council (JMC) is expected to issue a decision during the next few weeks, according to which the council's exams for medical specialisations will be held once a year, instead of twice, according to a report published on Sunday in the local Arabic daily Sawt Al Shaab newspaper.

#### Ministry to attend world sports meeting.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Youth will take part in the meetings of the executive bureau and general assembly of the International Sports Federation, scheduled to be held in Spain on Jan. 17. The meetings will last for six days.

#### Man sentenced for hashish trafficking

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Salim Salameh Al Aheiwat to seven years imprisonment and fined him JD 700 for trafficking hashish. The general military governor endorsed the sentence.

#### Teachers receive military training

MAFRAQ (Petra) - A group of teachers employed by the Mafraq Industrial School graduated here Sunday after obtaining military training as recruits of the People's Army. The first batch, comprising 32 graduates, had civil defence and first aid training in addition to training in the use of light arms. The graduation ceremony was attended by Mafraq Governor Fayez Abbadi, the governorate's police director, the military commander of Mairaq, and directors of government departments in the governorate.

# Scottish group visits **Jordan University**

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from Glasgow University in the United Kingdom Sunday called at the University of Jordan and met with its president, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali. The delegation, led by professor David Sharp, discussed with the president cooperation between the two universities in implementation of a three-year agreement signed and discrearlier between the two sides , cooperation.

covering scientific and cultural affairs. Under the agreement both universities undertake to cooperate in research work m

medical and health fields. Dr. Marwan Kamal, the university's vice president, attended the meeting. Later the delegation met with deans of various departments and discussed bilateral

# Queen patronises nursing, midwifery school graduation

AMMAN (Petra) - A group of 131 nurses and midwives graduated Sunday at a ceremony held at the Al Hussein Youth City in Amman under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

The Queen beard speeches delivered on the occasion and distributed diplomas to the graduates who completed courses at nursing institutes located in Amman, Irbid and Zarqa.

At the outset of the ceremony, Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh made a speech outlining the development of nursing education and training in the Kingdom. The first institute, the Jordan College of Nursing, was established in Amman in 1953: the number of such institutes has now reached six, three run by the Ministry of Health. in Amman, Zarqa and Irbid, and three others owned and operated by the Armed Forces Royal Medical Services, the University of Jordan, and the University of Science and Technology, the minister said.

The past few years have witnessed more and more of a tendency among Jordanian females to join the nursing profession, the minister pointed out. He said that the ministry plans to establish more nursing colleges within the five-year plan, and will also set up an institute for training nursing instructors.

The minister noted that the country still lacks sufficient numbers of professional nurses

and midwives who, he said, are required to meet the ministry's plans for opening more child care centres and integrated bealth centres in Jordan.

Director of the Irbid Nursing College Mrs. Slama Shuqair made a speech in which she welcomed Queen Noor, and outlined the development of the nursing profession in the Kingdom. She attending the graduation also paid tribute to the Ministry of

Health which, she said, has offered incentives to encourage students to join the profession and serve their society.

One of the graduates made a speech thanking the Queen for patronising the ceremony and said that the graduates were looking forward to exert all possible efforts to serve the country. The wife of the prime minister. Director of the Public Security Lt.-Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali, Director of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation Mrs. In am Al Mufti, and other senior officials and members of the diplomatic corps in Jordan were among those



Her Majesty Queen Noor presents diplomas to nursing and midwifery graduates at the Al Hussein Youth City in Amman on Sunday.

# Girl child turns into boy

(J.T.) - A little female child named Amina Al Shatti has recently been transformed into male and assumed the name of Amin, according to a report in Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily. The report said that the transformation occurred naturally and without a surgical operation on the two-year old child.

The paper quoted the child's father Adel Shatti who is a farmer as saying that his child displayed signs of being female and male at the same time, but with more

CENTRAL JORDAN VALLEY female signs upon birth late in 1984. But a few months later the child's male organs began to make themselves more visible which prompted the child's parents to seek medical advice, the report

> It said that the doctors at the health centre near Deir Alla, where the parents live, said that the child was male and an operation was needed for the transformation. But Mr. Shatti was quoted as saying that no operation was required and the transformation happened

## Chemists to open seminar

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordanian Chemists Association. (JCA) will open its third seminar under the title of "Chemistry and the Society" next Saturday; the participants will discuss a number of working papers dealing with the employment of laser beams in the treatment of eye ailments and wastewaterexhausted from power stations.

The two-day JCA seminar will be opened by Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib.

# No let-up in Amal-Palestinian battles

(Continued from page 1) Lebanon" to its request last month to go to Damascus and Beirut to try to arrange a

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It added that the committee had "agreed on the manner in which it plans future action in order to apply Arab League resolutions, which called for a "camps war" truce at last month's emergency

It gave no further details and set no date, but Arab League foreign ministers agreed at last month's session to meet in Tunis again on Jan. 14 to review the situation in Lebanon.

The diplomatic sources said the committee would seek to go to Syria and Lebanon before that date, or the new foreign ministers meeting could be postponed. Lebanon originally opposed the

war is an miemai airair. Only three foreign ministers of the committee - from Algeria, Mauritania and Jordan -

attended Saturday's meeting. Kuwait and Tonisia were represented by a minister of state and secretary of state at the Foreign Ministry respectively, and the United Arab Emirates and North Yemen by their permanent representatives to the 21-member

Arab League. Amal pounded the Shatila and Bourj Al Barajneh Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut with tank and artillery fire Sunday. Palestinians first lobbed mortar shells and buried hand grenades into surrounding Shi'ite been killed and 3,600 wounded by

residential districts, police said. Palestinian gumers based in the

committee because it contends the hammer Beirut's southern Shi ite iburbs with long-range artillery in an apparent effort to ease Amai's bombardment of the two beleaguered shantytowns.

Thunderous shell blasts echoed through the Lebanese capital of Beirut along with the wail of ambulance sirens.

Police said four people were killed and 17 wounded from both sides in the new flareup. A lull had prevailed since new year's eve last Wednesday.

The latest Beirut casualties upped to 536 killed and 1,386 wounded the known toll of the current round of fighting that

erupted Nov. 24.
More than 1,600 people have police count since the Amal-Palestinian war for central Lebanese mountains control of the camps broke out in

sale of American arms to Iran and the diversion of profits to U.S. backed Nicaraguan rebels, or The crisis has caused his public approval rating, which in early November was the highest such

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comes at a time when he is trying-

to emerge from the shadow of a two-month-old political crisis

caused by disclosure of the secret

rating for a U.S. leader in a generation, to drop more than 20 percentage points. David Abshire, the former U.S. ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO),

takes over White House efforts on Monday to dampen the furore over the Iran arms scandal in his new role as a special presidential

Mr. Reagan is also about to face Congress totally dominated by his Democratic opponents for the first time since he took office in

In his weekly radio address, Mr. Reagan on Saturday warned the new congress against tampering with his \$1.02 trillion budget for 1988, which will be sent to Capitol Hill on Monday.
"You can't have it both ways.

You can't decry (federal budget) deficits and then pass budget-busting legislation," he

Congress begins its 100th two-year session on Tuesday and is expected, as in previous years, to make deep ents in the president's budget - particularly on defence spending — in an effort to reduce the federal budget

Administration officials say the

budget for the 1988 fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 will call for about \$1.02 trillion in federal spending, more than has ever been sought by any president. Mr. Reagan also made a pitch for what is expected to be a

\$312-billion defence budget and criticised Congress for what be called a "dangerous slide" in military spending over the past two years. "For the last two years defence spending even after inflation has dropped even while our

adversaries spent more," he said. "To let this decline continue would endanger every family in America and world peace as

# **Kuwait finds support for efforts**

news agency IRNA said First
Deputy Foreign Minister Ali
Mohammad Besharatileft Tehran
for Damascus on Sunday for talks
with Spring officials on the many states of the sunmant in the emirate, saying it should be beld at a "neutral" venue.
In Tehran, Kayhan newspaper quoted Prime Minister Min-Hossein Mousavi as saying with Syrian officials on the summit and other issues.

Support by Syria, as a close ally of Tehrau, is seen by diplomats to be vital to steps to revive a-pan-Islamic initiative designed to Iran-Iraq war, now in its seventh

Tehran has repeatedly rejected any mediation, and vowed to keep fighting until the Baghdad

decision to stage the summit in the

Iran would prefer the summit to

The OIC peace committee is expected to report to the summit. The emir meanwhile received Moroccan Foreign Minister secure a peaceful end to the Abdul Latif Filali, who conveyed a special message from King Hassan who hosted the last Islamic

summit in Casablanca in 1984. The envoy's trip came after three Moroccan newspapers, two of them pro-government, this week urged a postponement of the summit because of existing Arab

it would be more profitable for Islamic countries to start ironing out major differences...," Al Kuwait for political, financial and logistical aid to Baghdad during governing National Assembly of the war, recently criticised the Independents party, said Sunday,

dismember it." the statement said.

Official sources in Beirut said

U.S. Ambassador John Kelly told

Lebanese President Amin

imperative that, if Jordan is to be

saved, and not merely

As the weeks passed, the paper said, planning became more

detailed and in early 1956.

another report called limited war

in support of Jordan against Israel

This report was quoted as

saying that the Royal Air Force

(RAF) would aim to smash the

Israeli air force within three days

while the navy bombed shore.

targets on Israel's Mediterranean

coast and in the Gulf of Aqaba and

marine commandos carried out

Land operations could involve

one parachute brigade, one

infantry brigade and one

armoured regiment which would

probably be intensively engaged

in north Jordan while intensive

fighting on battalion scale,

including tanks, was expected to

last about a week to ensure the

security of Aqaba, the report was

Cyprus would be the launch pad for the operation and the British

planned to reinforce their bases in

Jordan. Supplies were actually

sent to the RAF base at Mafraq,

the report was quoted as saying.

blockade operations.

quoted as saying.

be immediate."

was produced.

resuscitated, British action must

towards East Asia, decorates the

### Australian journal focuses on the Middle East magazine's zero issue, which was

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Australian Focus on the Middle East, a newly-introduced magazine which, as its theme may suggest, is a mirror reflecting the latest developments in the Middle East to the Australian readers, will be

on newsstands on Jan. 6. The 52-page illustrated magazine, a joint venture by a group of Arab scholars, can best be termed a "built-in" media supply for Australia of the real version of the Middle East

developments. A diversified variety of light and political news, ranging from articles probing in to the economic situation and political blunders in the Middle East to topics referring to Israel's patching up of its policy

published in Sydney last

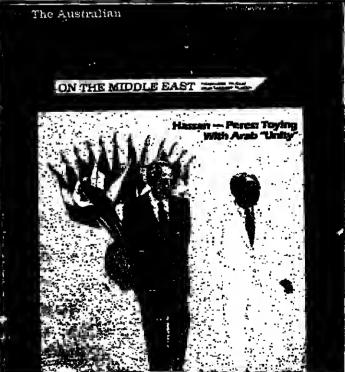
Thumbing through the well-designed magazine, one can get in touch with the details of various bewildering issues on the Middle East. In addition, the informative editorials shed light on dimensions unknown to most

of the Australian leaders -

detailed analysis of the Middle

East problem since its inception. In the zero issue introduction. the magazine's publisher and editor-in-chief, Fernando Francis, wrote the following: "We do not belong to any party as we are backed by no-one except scholars dedicated to the cause of saving the world by concentrating on the crux of the matter - the Middle .East." And so it should be -Fernando is a former advertisement manager of the

Jordan Times newspaper.



Volume I, Zero issue of the newly-issued magazine entitled "The Anstralian Focus on the Middle East: An Independent, Political, Socio-Economic Monthly,

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#### intervened at mid-afternoon to May 1985. creation of the Arab League Hawke offers limited Australian role

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have not been finalised. - Australia does not object to: visit to the country by Palestinian leaders but "the criterion that the government pursues is whether a person has had an active involvement with or been advocate of terrorism."

West Bank and Gaza but plans

Asked whether the government's criterion ruled out a visit by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat, Mr. Hawke said: "Well, it does, and on that broader point, we have refused to recognise the PLO while it maintains its denial of Israel's right to exist. The interests of the Palestinian people as well as the people of Israel cannot be advanced or protected while there

is that denial ..." Replying to another question, Mr. Hawke agreed that settling the Middle East conflicts - the Arab-Israeli problem, the six-year-old Iran-Iraq war and the civil strife in Lebanon - was central to world peace and security, and said the apparent apathy among Australians towards the problems was the result of a "reasonably natural tendencey for people not to take a great deal of interest in, or become concerned with, issues which they don't see as immediately affecting their interests or welfare."

However, he said, "at a number of points around the world there are possible flashpoints which could generate a larger conflict, and so Australians should have a real interest in trying to ensure that as far as possible these

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revelations of what has happened have diminished the authority of the United States at this time ... in the region and also to some extent in its relations to the countries of Western Europe." However, he said, the believed that "it's very rarely that completely permanent damage is done by the action of a

"I welcome the fact that U.S. President Ronald Reagan has initiated the processes of a full investigation and I trust that they will be carried through rigorously and expeditiously."

On Lebanon, the prime minister said "the situation is arguably the most tragic anywhere in the world ... you have the international conflict, which in a sense are indigenous... between Christians and Muslims, and between factions within the Christian and Muslim

communities. "The second factor is that factors external to Lebanon have included their rivalries into Lebanon... the loss of life in Lebanon is just truly staggering and it leads you be rather pessimistic... Australia's position is that there should be no foreign forces in Lebanon other than those are there at the express request of the government of

In reply to a question on Israeli potential flashpoints are raids against Palestinian camps in

Lebanon."

dampened down." Lebanon, Mr. Hawke indicated he
On secret American arms sales found some justifications for the to Iran which have kicked up a Israeli action. He said although major controversy within the Australia did not approve of such U.S., the Middle East and attacks one of the great problems elsewhere, Mr. Hawke said "there in this situation is that the camps is absolutely no question that the are used as headquarters or gathering places, points of significance for various terrorist groups. And there is no doubt that those forces the mselves have been prepared to use the refugee camps as sort of pawns in their own gruesome and awesome conflict."

During his visit to Jordan, Mr. Hawke is expected to be recevied by His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for a review of the Middle East situation and what possible contribution Australia could make towards achieving peace in the region. In addition, bilateral relations and cooperation in trade and economy are also expected to

be discussed. Prominent among the topics for the Australian premier's talks in Amman is possible cooperation between a Queensland company and the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company in processing phosphates and related products. Mr. Hawke leaves Jordan on

Jan. 25 for Israel for a two-day visit. After talks with Israeli leaders, the premier will leave for Europe to attend an international seminar and will return to Egypt two days later for meetings with President Hosni Mubarak and other Egyptian leaders. Mr. Hawke's talks with Israel and Egypt are also expected to cover ies related to the Multinational Observers Porce in the Sinai to which Australia has contributed soldiers at American behest.

## Reagan (Continued from page 1)

A nine-member committee set up by the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in 1981 met several weeks ago to reactivate the peace drive, after it had lapsed 15 months earlier.

government is overthrown. Iran, which has often criticised

# Cypriot boats run gaunlet

Lebanon via Jounieh, which is under rightist control.

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"These reports are completely devoid of truth... they represent a Gemayel that Washington had flagrant calumny against contacted Tel Aviv on the ships christians, aimed at spreading alarm in their community to Israel's response.

### 'Britain was prepared for war' from the United Kingdom. It is

(Continued from page 1) The government released the

documents last week after keeping them secret for 30 years as is Customary.

The paper said a meeting of the British chiefs of staff on Jan. 24,

1956, chaired by Lord

Mountbatten agreed to send in

waves of bombers to destroy the small Israeli air force. Meanwhile, a royal navy aircraft carrier task force would bombard from the sea and royal marine commandos would invade from the Red Sea, it quoted a report on the meeting as saying.

in late 1955, the paper noted, Israel had been subjected to attacks by Arab guerrillas and had launched a series of aggressive retaliatory raids into Jordan. This fuelled the prospects of war between Israel and Jordan, which Britain was bound by treaty to

help defend, the paper said. On Dec. 22, 1955, the paper said, the joint planning staff of the chiefs of staff committee had written a top-secret report called assistance to Jordan in the event of

Israeli aggression. The paper quoted the report as saying that in the event of Israeli hostility, "the Middle East will be reinforced by land and air forces

# and Islamic rifts. "The situation being what it is,

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## One breakthrough

AS THE special committee of Arab foreign ministers, formed to end the "camps war," met again in Tunis in another bid to accomplish the task entrusted to it by the Arab League, there were faint signs that there could be a let up in the fighting between brothers in Lebanon. The first signal came from the belenguered Palestinian refugee camp of Rashidiyeh in South Lebanon where a convoy of trucks loaded with emergency supplies was allowed to drive into that camp on Saturday. That positive development in the conflict came in the wake of the call by Amal chief Nabih Berri six days ago for a new ceasefire and an end to the bloody "war of the camps." Perhaps now the committee of seven foreign ministers composed of the foreign ministers of Jordan, Tunisia, Kuwait, Mauritania, the United Arab Emirates, North Yemen and Algeria, in addition to Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibl, could build on that positive foundation and move forward to address the heart of the armed conflict. This follow-up action by the seven cannot be successful without visiting Lebanon, the scene of the fighting, and Syria, which has a peace-keeping force under the umbrella of the Arab League. Fortunately Lebanon and Syria have positively responded to the seven's request to visit the two countries.

It would have been a major setback to Arab solidarity if the two countries bad taken a negative stance on the Arab League action. After all, a visit by Arab foreign ministers should be always welcomed by all Arab capitals, whatever and no matter what the reservation that Arab governments may have on such visits.

Such visits, when realised, could afford Damascus as well as Beirut opportunities to put forward their respective views on the conflict. Also such visits could afford the committee of seven an occasion to acquaint itself with the realities of the conflict by receiving the leaderships of the two fighting factions in a private forum either separately or jointly and deliberating with them on the best means to end the fighting. The refugee camps themselves need to be visited and examined in order for the seven to be better acquainted with the situation inside and outside the camps

The indication made by Syria and Lebanon that they would receive the committee is a breakthrough in the direction of according the Arab foreign ministers real opportunities to accomplish their task. If it, however, regrettable that Lebanese President Amia Gemayel still maintains that the "canns war" constitutes an internal matter. From an international point of view such a position is untenable as such kind of conflicts fall also under international jurisdiction. And if there are strong arguments in favour of an international jurisdiction, a priori, an Arab jurisdiction is all the more acceptable, if not outright

We welcome the persistence of the Arab League in its pursuit of its mandate to put an end to this inter-Arab fighting and call on all the Arab official community to support this Arab action.

#### **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

#### Al Ra'i: Israel raises its head again

ISRAEL'S arbitrary measures in the occupied Arab territories presented themselves once again with a decision by the occupation authorities to close down Al Najah University in Nablus on the West Bank for a whole week. The Israelis say they did that because they were afraid of a renewed outbreak of violence and anti-Israeli demonstrations. At the same time the Israelis have also announced they are confiscating more Arab land in the Hebron region and around Arab Jerusalem in a clear display of total disregard to Arab rights and in a bid to force the Araos to abandon their homeland. The Israeli measures have not drawn any condemnation yet by those who claim to be fighting terrorism and opposed to inhuman actions. It goes without saying that condoning Israel's illegal measures is a gesture of encouragement for the Zionists to pursue their repressive measures against the Palestinian people. As the Israeli measures continue and Israeli means of terror spread in the occupied Arab land, the Arab people are subjected to humiliation and intimidation, and are not allowed to rise in protest or carry out any resistance activity. The Israelis get away with their actions and get what they want as the Arabs are faced with more suffering and more deprivation and displacement. Israel's crimes against Arab universities and Arab economic institutions should make the Arab countries realise that struggle is the only means for deterring Israel's terrorism, and that only through an intrinsic Arab force can the usurped territories be regained.

#### Al Dustour: Copts take a firm stand

THE Coptic bishop of Egypt has raised Egypt's national voice by announcing measures in support of the Arab rights in Jerusalem. He declared that Egyptian Christian pilgrims should not pay a visit to the holy places in the Holy City as long as it remains under Israeli rule. He said that the Copts of Egypt will not enter Jerusalem except in the company of their Muslim Brothers when the city is liberated from Israeb rule. It should be noted also that the Copts did not succumb to Israeli pressure when Tel Aviv threatened to confiscate Deir Al Sultan Convent which was actually later turned over to the Ethiopian church in Jerusalem. This convent was Egyptian property and the Israelis made it a point of seizing it for the sake of putting pressure on the Copts who refused to degotiate with the occupation authorities over their rights. This Coptic stand, coupled with that of the Vatican in Rome, with regard to the Arab land and the holy places there point to an all-out solid Christian attitude towards the Middle East situation and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Israel, which has successfully won support of some of the western churches, is now confronted with a solid stand that opposes occupation and invasion. The Coptic stand is bound to tighten the siege around Israel and drive it into further

## Sawt Al Shaab: Speedy action is needed

AS the 'camps war' continues unabated in Lebanon, the seven-member Arab ministerial committee has opened meetings in Tunis to find a way of ending the conflict and end the bloodshed. Over the past two months, intensified efforts were made for ending 'the attacks on the Palestinian camps, and the new sufferings of the Palestinian people but the Shi ite Amal movement has been maintaining its shelling of innocent civilians and destroying the homes of the displaced refugees, denying them any food or medical supplies. This tragic situation should prompt the Arab League and the seven-member committee to take speedy action and to move quickly to halt the fighting and to save thousands of innocent people from death. We are heartened by an announcement that President Gemayel of Lebanon has accepted mediation for discussing the Palestinian camps issue in detail and for finding a lasting solution for the problem. We are also encouraged by Arab efforts through the Arab League and the seven-member committee to and the tragedy of the refugees in Lebanon.

# We need better organised consumer protection

By Dr. Walid Sa'di

WITH the reintroduction of the law making it compulsory once again to use safety belts while driving a motor vehicle, Jordan has demonstrated once again that it is keeping an eye open on how to protect its inhabitants from unnecessary dangers. One still does not know why that law was lifted in the first place and is still puzzled wby its application is made restrictive to zoning areas where speed over 60 kilometres an hour is allowed. I know of no country which incorporated the safety belts rule that waived its use where speeding limit is less than 60 kilometres. And I doubt very much if our statistics on the usefulness of safety belts are any different from the findings of other nations which had pioneered the compulsory use of safety belts much earlier than we did. But be that as it may, still by reintroducing the compulsory use of safety belts, Jordan is proceeding in the right direction and nothing better can we begin the new year with than by demonstrating that our internal issues are also as important and pressing, albeit not as critical, as our external challenges and

Developing countries are by and large overwhelmed by their external issues and problems that they tend to gloss over their interval affairs. Public weal in real terms is seldom on the top of the list of priorities of developing countries. The lion's share of the national budgets goes for external causes and whatever is earmarked for domestic concerns tend to be meagre in relative terms. And as they grow stronger externally they concurrently grow weaker from the inside. This lopsided and unbalanced approach to the allocation of expenditures and interest keeps most developing countries off balance and essentially unstable and vulnerable. In effect they eventually undermine even their external strength to the extent that they ignore their domestic concerns.

Fortunately Jordan has made effective strides in the direction of protecting and promoting its domestic issues. And although we have registered major gains and progress on many domestic fronts and levels, naturally there are still some areas which await addressing and resolution. The list of the neglected subjects on the internal scene could be indeed long but this is not the place or time to enumerate them at length. Suffice to mention now one particular issue which is uppermost on the minds of most of us. The beginning of the new year in addition to the symbolic significance of reintroducing the safety

belt rule is indeed a propitious time to name that particular domestic malady and it is no other than the issue of consumer protection.

Consumer protection is commonly a feature of developed countries. Seldom that one hears of a developing country which accords this subject more than a lip service. Developing countries should be in fact hardpressed to act along these lines especially in view of the fact that they have become dumping grounds for unwanted and unsafe products. Sub-standard products of the industrial world are flooding the markets of these countries where the unprotected and unsuspecting consumer is attracted by the cheaper prices of the unsafe and sub-standard goods and keeps on buying them. For example, developing countries keep on using pesticides in agricultural production when the use of such chemicals is prohibited in the very countries which manufacture them. In the process, the people of the developing countries pollute and damage their bodies and environment in a gradual but sure manner. It has not dawned yet on many developing countries that health and safety coosiderations have an economic cost as well and that it is no longer a luxury to keep environmental and health considerations in

Few of such countries understand and appreciate the proven and substantiated proposition that no price tag is high enough to stop us from doing something effective in the general environmental and coosumer protection. In some areas, we the developing countries have been used as experimental grounds for untested goods. Our people have literally been used as guinea pigs to test the shortcomings or side effects of certain products which the industrial world manufactures for material gains. What governmental agencies do we have even in Jordan to protect our consumers from such unsafe products whether they are of the edible kind or the mechanical sort? sometimes wonder whether even the equipments that we use at our airports to detect weapons and dangerous items are in fact up-to-the standard and whether the radiation level released by them is safe by international standards. Shouldn't we have by now an agency which enjoys a mandate broad enough to address such concerns and anxieties.

Even on the local scene, how much control do we have in Jordan

over our domestic manufactured goods to make sure that our consumer, whether indigenous or foreign, is protected from abuse, The milk we drank and all the dairy products that we consume, are they up to standard at all times and subject to continuous inspection? Even the bread we eat and the water we drink and the restaurant that we frequent all need some kind of effective control and inspection. One can go on and on listing the areas which could benefit from a coordinated and synchronised control and inspection. But the answer would remain the same over and over again whenever we can come up with a subject hitherto unaddressed and it is no other than the urgent and pressing need for an agency for consumer protection.

We need not be no stalgic about Ralf Nader, who pioneered the interest in consumer protection in the U.S. a couple of generations ago. Those of us who are old enough to remember his activities in the sixties recollect vividly that him and his movement were initially subjected to all sorts of absurd harassments by the big companies to the extent that he was accused of having been a communist. Well that was some 20 years ago and the world bas changed a lot since then Consumer protection had since gained respectability and worldwide support, especially in the industrial world. What is urgently needed now is to have the developing world complement the actions of the sophisticated world by introducing to their midst mechanisms which can do similar tasks.

I think that Jordan could assume a leadership role in this context. We have amply demonstrated already that we are conscious of the need to protect our consumers in more than one domain. The campaign against smoking, especially in public places, and the reintroduction of the safety belt rule are clear signals that we wish to move on in the direction of protecting our citizens and visitors from the whims of the greedy and unconcerned. The beginning of this year could serve as an opportune time to complete the road in the direction of consumer protection by creating an agency be it inter-governmental or private-public agency for this very purpose. The bealth and safety of our inhabitants need not wait much longer for adequate and effective protection. There is much to be done in this domain and the time to commence our collective and individual

# **Democracy on trial in** Mauritania after two decades 26 years ago.

The specifics of campaign

debate were carefully limited to local issues, like schools and

of national political parties. candidates were forbidden to ally themselves with like-minded contenders in other towns.

But the polling marked a cautious step towards democracy in a country where slavery was in the recent past an entrenched feature of social and economic

drought, which turned many nomad herdsmen into urban squatters, and the plight of former slaves left bomeless, jobless and virtually hopeless by the abobtion of the system under which they

There is also racial tension between the Moors, a mainly light-skinned people who regard themselves and the country as part of the Arab World, and blacks, some of whom feel discriminated against and resent the displacement of French by Arabic as the main language of schooling

Nouakchott, a new capital built 25 years ago for 30,000 people, now has a population of 500,000, with thoosands of families scraping a living in squalid shantytowns.

Mauritania was ruled by a rigid one-party system during its first 18 years of independence and by authoritarian military officers

praised for respecting human

students and the government were testing each other to see the extent Mohammad Khouna Ould Haidalla is said by critics to have 'There is a line beyond which carried oot widespread arrests in a the government will not tolerate rnthless suppression of bis it, but we have not reached it yet," In October last year, there were

# outbreaks of racial violence in

By Christiane Sauve

NOUAKCHOTT - Citizens of Mauritania's 13 main cities and towns had their first opportunity in December to vote since their desperately poor desert nation became independent from France

And to bar any open emergence

The country's problems

were born.

and government.

A dramatic fall in world prices for iron ore, Mauritania's main export, has compounded the economic woes.

The present rulers, a military council led by Colonel Mazouya Ould Sid ahmad Taya, is widely rights.

By contrast, former President

Nonakchott and the port city of Nonadhibou, with a claudestine black opposition movement, the African Liberation Forces of Mauritania (FLAM), denouncing what it said was racial discrimination.

FLAM also claims that blacks now are a majority among Mauritania's estimated 1.7 millioo people. The last census, in 1977. put them at only 17 per cent.

Interior Minister Colonel Dfibril Ould Abdoulage told Renters in December that in the October disturbances, a small group of left-wing intellectuals seeking government posts had unsuccessfully tried to destabilise the government.".....

Government officials point ont that black Mauritanians hold senior positions on the ruling military council as well as in the included the devastating effects of administration and security forces.

Col. Abdoulaye said Arabic was the country's main traditional language and was also the language, of Islam, a religion Mauritanians have in common.

In addition, Manritania belongs to the Arah League and under President Taya established good relations with all its Arab neighbours, including Morocco.

One of Tava's first moves on assuming power was to declare neutrality on the Westero Sahara, ending Manritania's active support for the Polisario Front fighting Morocco for control of

the territory. In last month's municipal elections, political observers in Nouakchott regarded eveo the limited alliances permitted the candidates a maximum of four candidates joining together to form a local "list"— as embryonic political parties, and saw the process as the beginning of a wider democratisation.

Elements of various political and Islamic groups repressed under the previous harsh rule of Colonel Ould Haidalla reemerged in support of different lists, they

It is not yet clear how far Taya wants to take the democratic opening and one of his advisers told Reuter Mauritania needs to develop its education first.

But during the voting, even the makeshift dwelling of Nouakchott squatters sported pobtical flags, demonstrating a wide enthusiasm for the experiment.

#### Tribesmen, settlers and soldiers battle for lush corner of Bangladesh against 3,000 guerrillas, mostly of dozens of Bengali-speaking descendants of Mongols. Soldiers in Rangamati man

By Brahma Chellaney The Associated Press

By Mark O'Neill

PEKING- The handling of two

illegal protests in the heart of

Peking shows a new official

tolerance towards dissent, hut

only because students have not

tried to mobilise mass unrest,

Western diplomats and Chinese

The protests, on Thursday and

early Friday, were beld in defiance

of regulations banning

demonstrations in bistoric

Tiananmen Square, and despite a

barrage of media messages urging

Students marched 15

kilometres on Friday from Peking

University to the square, where a

large ournber of police allowed

them to march, sit and shout slogans for freedom and

democracy before they dispersed

"The significance of these and

other campus protests over the

last month is that the authorities

allowed them to occur," ooe Westero diplomat said. "Such

widespread spontaneous student

protest is unprecedented in

He added: "Seven years of

reforms and the open-door policy

have made China more open than

it used to be. Also the demands of

the students have mostly been in

support of official policies, but for inciting students.

just before dawn.

Communist China."

students to stay off the streets.

officials say.

RANGAMATI, Bangladesh -Amid the tranquil Buddhist ragodas of eastern Bangladesh, soldiers, tribesmeo and settlers are fighting for control of one of the few lush corners in a poor, over crowded nation.

The 12-year bush war in the Chittagong bill tracts has triggered grisly massacres, driven 30,000 tribesmen from their ancestral homes, sent 100,000 new settlers fleeing and claimed as many as 3.000 lives.

On the edge of the rugged hills, in the tourist resort of Rangamati, residents say the conflict has been escalating with no end in sight.

Native tribesmen are struggling to keep the irland and customs and maintain their autonomy against an influx of alien settlers from

other parts of Bangladesh. The fighting often occurs at night on jungle elephant paths.
About 20,000 soldiers are pitted the Chakma tribe. The tribesmen call themselves the Shanti Bahini, or army for

Student protests in Peking bring out

Another diplomat said the the unrest is a student.

of thousands of people, blocking party is for the first time prepared

diplomat said.

new tolerance in handling dissent

asking that they be implemented more quickly."

authorities on Thursday

succeeded in their main objective

thousands of other people as well

as students, such as happened in

Students calling for more

freedom and democracy led tens

the centre of Shanghai, in the

biggest rally seen in China for

the illegal protests to prevent such

a rally. The numbers were small.

Confrontation might have made it

bigger. What was politic prevailed

over what was legal." the diplomat

had been consistent through the

protests: no clubs or batons, avoid

force and confrontation and

"Students, are a special class in

China. They have a freedom

granted to no-one else and the

party wants to keep their loyalty.

Many Communist Party leaders

The official press, while urging

cut their teeth io student

students not to take to the streets,

has been restrained in criticising

them but has hit out at "a small

number of aoti-socialist

troublemakers" whom it blames

activism," he added.

contain the scope of dissent.

He said national police tactics

"The police in Peking allowed

Shanghai on Dec. 20 and 21.

In December, officials reported

450,000 tribals and 250,000 settlers. An Amnesty International report cites serious human rights their own militias, meanwhile, and violations in the hills by the government of president Hussain

Mohammad Ershad. The government has denied the charges. Residents say security forces afraid. bave opened fire indiscriminately, and in December raided a tribal orphanage and a monastery. The security forces took away children

aiding rebels, residents said. Also, Buddhist warriors seeking autonomy have reportedly killed

and novice monks suspected of

Muslim settlers this year.

Western-style democracy.

The hill tracts are off-limits to most journalists, making claims by peace, and are waging a warfora both sides difficult to authenticate. On Dec. 22, guerrillas with

None of at least nine people

-preventing a huge rally involving news Thursday night. He is privileges that brings?" she said.

"The protests show that the

dissent and demonstrations." the

A Peking school teacher said the

public at large had not raified to

the studeots' demands because

they were too abstract and hard

forordinary people to understand.

rising prices, wage levels and the

likelihood of higher rents, about

"Democracy? There is no

tradition and understanding of it

in China. There is a huge

educational gap between students

and workers, not to mention 800

million farmers. There will be no

opposition party in the foresecable future," he said.

A Chinese propaganda official

said the students had been too

intelligent to use wages and prices

as their rallying cries. "These are too sensitive," she said with a

She said the cultural level of

most Chinese was too low for a

which there is discontent."

"For workers, the key issues are

to allow a limited amount of public social disaster.

arrested so far in connection with family-oriented and would vote

One, Shanghai factory worker. run for office- who doesn't want

was shown on national television to be an official with all the

accused of setting up an illegal A major weapon in the official political party aimed at overthrowing the Communists protest is the spectre of the and inciting students to join it.

nearly 100 deaths in clashes machine guns killed 20 settlers among army troops, settlers and and wounded 39 in Ramgarh tribesmeo in the tracts. The region town. In November they has 700,000 people, including kidnapped and murdered 24 lumbermeo returning from prayers.

Settler groups have formed are carrying out attacks on tribesmen using weapons supplied by the government, according to witnesses.

In Rangamati, residents are

"We have no guarantee of safety. At any time we may be picked up by soldiers, tortured and left to rot in a lockup," said a tribesman who is a student at Rangamati government college. He spoke on coodition of anonymity, fearing reprisal.

ectry points, searching vehicles and passengers. By dusk, residents are indoors, soldiers rule the ghost

"Rural people are

on clan lines. And everyone would

which began with student activism

and led to national economic and

Peking Television interviewed

on Thursday a famous actress who

said she had been uneasy over the

last few weeks for fear the cultural

killed themselves during that

period. Only since 1978 have we

been able to develop ourselves.

Please, students, study hard and

make the best use of the precious opportunity you have," she said.

effective weapon for the media to

use. "Everyone fears another cultural revolution. What workers

want is peace and stability and rising living standards. No-one

One of the diplomats said

wants disorder and confusion."

of tolerable dissent.

The teacher said this was an

Many people in my profession

revolution would re-occur.

Only groups of soldiers dare cross picturesque Raogamati Lake to the wooded tracts, stronghold of the Shanti Bahini. Bangladesh's overpopulation is the root of the conflict.

Since the 1970s, governments have encouraged Muslims to leave overcrowded plains and settle in tribesmen. The guerrillas, the sparsely populated eastern bills, rich in tunber, bamboo and natural gas.

These resources are prized in a nation which ranks only behind tiny Singapore as the world's most densely populated country.

Bangladesb residents has encroached on the culture of the

original settlers in the hill tracts,

13 predominantly Buddhist tribes,

Bangladesh's 102 million residents fill the land at an average of 1,750 people per square mile. The migration by other one month.

The tribes' primitive slasb-and-buro agriculture

conflicts with cooservative Muslim society. Tribesmen say they are fighting for autonomy and do not want any new settlers. Residents say that tribesmen, settlers and government soldiers all have committed atrocities.

There have been reports of illegal government detention, torture, rape, and the gunning down of meanwhile, have staged brutal raids on new settlements, residents say. Amnesty International bas said

that "security forces (are) systematically engaged in practices in the Chittagong hill tracts which violate fundamental and human rights, including right to life, right to security of person." It cited 38 unlawful killings in

About 30,000 tribesmen have fled to neighbouring India. The army claims rebels get arms from settlement.

India, which denies the charge. The army claims rebels take sanctuary in India's Tripura state where tribesmen wage a similar battle against Indian settlers and troops.

Major General Abdul Samad, Bangladesh's military commander in the hill tracts, says tribals have no right to 11 per cent of Bangladesh's land when they are only 0.5 per cent of the population.

He claimed the insurgency was dying and guerrillas were surrendering. Officials say 1,814 rebels have laid down arms.

Last year, the tribesmen broke off talks with the government, insisting on autonomy as a precondition for further negotiations.

The government has pledged \$90 million in development funds to induce tribesmen to come down from the hills and "forget the

bitter past." But so far, there is no sign of a

A simple request

TOGETHER with extending congratulations to the members of

the newly formed Greater Amman Municipal Council, I have few

remarks to make with the hope that they will be taken into

I invite the members of the council to take a drive through

Sweifieh, or Tia Al Ali or the Seventh Circle area, and to note the

dreadful condition of the roads to count the holes in the streets and

Let them notice the inexplicable fact that some private roads are

On their way, the members of the council will definitely note that

perfectly well asphalted while the main ones are still covered with

mud, and let them ask the concerned municipalities for

in front of every building under construction heaps of cement,

stones and pieces of iron and steel obstruct the already awful roads.

And instead of sidewalks planted with trees and flowers like the

lucky inhabitants of some areas in Amman can see, the people of

the suburbs have to bear daily the site of mounts of garbage

gathered on the main roads for the great pleasure of the cats in the

Randa Habib's

consideration.

explanation.

to measure their depth.

Andrew Gowers, of the Financial Times of London, reports on a star whose voice knows no boundaries PARLIAMENT SQUARE on a vivid illustration. Wherever she hracing December evening: a

dark-eyed, spectral figure sings Christmas carols in a church; the strife-tom streets of Beirut and the scorched passions of the Middle East seem part of another world.

Yet the singer is mellow-voiced Fairuz from the Lebanon, by far the most popular musical star in the Middle East. She has been in London last week for two unusual concerts incorporating an odd and slightly uncomfortable mixture of Arabic, Syriac and English carols - together with a negro spiritual and even an Arabic version of "Jingle Bells." Although she has performed in Britain before notably at a packed Festival Hall earlier this year - it was the first time she had sung in English and the first time she had sung in a

Fairuz has a problem, of which

her London performances are a performs — from Boston to Baghdad — she attracts capacity audiences and adulation. She has heen feted hy kings and presidents. Her stature is sometimes compared with that of Umm Kalthoun, the legendary late Egyptian singer who used to send audiences into a frenzy with her lengthy and hypnotic performances — although Fairuz herself resists attempts to bracket her music with that of other Middle Eastern singers, saying that it has absorbed a bewildering variety of influences including Indian and Western.

But for all the honour which she evidently receives in her homeland, its deep and violent divisions mean that she cannot and will not perform there. Until four years ago Fairuz - a



striking woman dressed always in black, and with red hair and a pallid and astonishingly slender face — used to sing Easter songs every Good Friday on the roof of the church in her home village,

- both Christian and Muslim flocked from all over the Lebanon cantonisation of the country, have lush-sounding Western orchestra deprived such gestures of meaning. As a result, Fairuz -although she lives most of the time entitled "Beirur" and greeted with in Beirut - has resolved not to sing in the country until it is united again.

'I didn't want to sing in just one place with just one group of Fittingly — though not, she people, she said through an says, symbolically — Fairuz, a interpreter this week. The London Christmas concerts are an attempt Fairuz is also gearing up for a U.S. and Dubai.

and embellished the Western scale. Her encore, typically, was wild cheers and whistles from her compatriots in the congregation, which also included Westerners and a smattering of other Arabs.

Christian, has two houses in Beirut, one in the Muslim East both to slough off the sadness of and one in the Muslim West. Good Friday and to escape from Friends say she is probably the the tragedy of the Lebanon, only person in the Lebanon who has no problem crossing the tour in the first half of next year as heavily-fortified and hostile well as performances in Muscat barricades which scar the city. For her there are no Any escape, however, is bound boundaries," says one. "People to he hrief and sporadic. greetheratevery harriers as if she Associates say her orchestra is were one of theirs."

Antelias, outside Beirut. Crowds geographically scattered and Yet Fairuz, who shuns publicity difficult to assemble. At this but clearly shows a keen sense of week's performances there was an the theatrical in her concerts, is to hear her. But the succession of evocative sadness in her low voice extremely wary of suggestions that wars, and the subsequent as it swooped around the her influence might give her a political role — either in the dangerous politics of her country or in those of the Middle East as a whole. Speaking animatedly in Arabic, she is given to sententious utterances like "beauty has no boundaries." Her interpreter explains: "She prefers to sing about the human side of the Lebanon, the things that hring people together. It's not political hut it's very patriotic."

And despite her forays outside the Middle East, she seems genuinely uninterested in developing the same kind of devoted following among Westerners. Asked whether it was conceivable that she might ever become popular in the West as she is in the Arab world, she says simply: "I don't think about it."

#### The council may also check on the reasons that pushed some municipalities to postpone the finishing work on gardens, although the projects are included in the city plan. And finally, please gentiemen of the council, (unfortunately women go unrepresented here), note that all what the people of the

### Gurkha warriors — glorious past and a bleak future

The Gurkhas who serve the British army have had a mixed recent past: glorious service in the Falklands tarnished with drug smuggling. David Dodwell looks at the future of "the most loyal of the loyal

HONG KONG - Prince Philip two remarkable scandals of recent recently bade farewell to one of Hong Kong's four Gurkha regiments due to be disbanded in January, as a question mark hung over the fate of a body of men which has served in the British

Army since 1815. Author John Masters once called these Nepali soldiers "the bravest of the brave: the most loyal of the loyal." Over the past 170 years, more than 40,000 have died serving in the British Army.

Many fought in the Falklands war. Two unprecedented scandals linked with the Gurkhas last summer have, however, tarnished their reputation and raised questions about morale at a time when it is unclear what place they will have in the British Army in 11 years when China regains

sovereignty over Hong Kong. The disbandment of the 2nd battalion, 7th Dake of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles - known in the forces as "the Second Seventh" - is linked with scandal. The battalion, which is below full strength, was raised at a time when illegal immigration over the border from China was putting great pressure on British troops stationed in Hong Kong Its

disbandment will trim Gurkha forces to its strength before 1980. It is, nevertheless, a warning signal for the future, since the British Army is likely to contract to 2000. The Gurkha battalions, with their home garrison in Hong Kong, are thought likely by many

observers to be the first to feel the scalpel when cuts are called for. This conviction exists not least because in 1997 British troops based in Hong Kong will be replaced by Chinese People's

Liberation Army forces. Three of the remaining five Gurkha battalions are based in Hong Kong - the other two are serving in the U.K. and Brunci.

They will at least have to be In spite of official denials, it has been suggested that uncertainty over the future has influenced

In the most serious, more than 100 Gurkhas from the "First Seventh" were court-martialled and dismissed for what amounts to mutiny. A group of Gurkhas attacked and seriously injured their company commander while on a defence exercise in Hawaii in

No clear explanation has emerged of why the incident occurred, although an open letter from troops of the First Seventh accused the commanding officer of insulting behaviour. The commanding officer has terminated his secondment to the Gurkha regiment three years

In the second scandal, five Gurkhas were found guilty in the High Court in England of trying to bring in to the U.K. almost HK \$2 million (\$253,000) worth of

cannabis and heroin. In the wake of what is referred to as the "Hawaii incident" Mr. John Stanley, U.K. Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said in Hong Kong: "The key issue was the total breakdown of the bond of trust without which a soldier is

militarily ineffective."

The consensus from the commander of British Forces in Hong Kong right up to the Ministry of Defence was that dismissal was the only course

nevermeless concluded: "It is regarded as an isolated incident, and it has certainly not undermined our confidence in the Gurkhas and will not affect future planning of the role of the Gurkhas after

In Nepal, where most youngsters would lose a leg to get selected into the Gurkhas, and where returned Gurkhas provide a large proportion of the country's skilled manpower, the response

has been muted. Officials meanwhile say the incident will not damage hilateral relations. The fact is that the Nepal economy stands to lose a great deal if the Gurkha link with

# Test of AIDS drug sparks hopes for treatment

By Jim Foller

WASHINGTON - Recent developments in the effort to find a drug to treat acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, have raised hopes of prolonging life for many victims of the fatal

U.S. health officials have announced that early experiments with an antiviral drug, azidothymidine (AZT), prolonged the survival of certain patients with AIDS and that thousands of victims would be

given access to the drug. Tests with AZT were carried out on a select group of 282 patients who have AIDS or severe related disorders. About half of the patients were given the drug and half received placebos, sugar pills that have no medical effects. The clinical trial showed 16 deaths among the patients receiving the placebo and only one death among patients receiving AZT. Those taking the drug also had fewer infections and other

AIDS-related problems. Dr. Robert Windom, U.S. assistant secretary for health, said that based on the results of the study he has asked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to expedite the process through which the drug can be made available to AIDS patients.

Pending approval for general marketing, Windom said the drug would initially be provided to the would initially be provided to the On the other hand, the drug is type of patients who were the apparently able to cross the

By Brenda Watson

The Associated Press

GLION, Switzerland - High in

the Swiss Alps, in a

turn-of-the-century villa with a

hreathtaking view of Lake

Geneva, Viviane Neri is teaching

young ladies how to function in

high society.
But unlike finishing schools of

the past, her curriculum includes

how to clean a toilet and run a

"It helps keep them from becoming snobs," Mrs. Neri, who has run the Villa Pierrefeu

finishing school since 1972, said in

an interview. "Anyway, you can't

carinii pneumonia (PCP) within the previous 90 days. The first recipients of the drug must also be recommended by an expert in the diagnosis of AIDS and must not

be enrolled in other clinical trials. Health officials estimate that more than one-half of current AIDS patients will die from pneumocystis carinii, and another one-fifth will succumb to Kaposi's sarcoma, formerly a rare type of

Windom cautioned however that AZT is not a cure for AIDS. "Although the study results ... hold great promise for prolonging life for certain patients with AIDS, uncertainties remain: Uncertainties about possible toxic effects, uncertainties about long-term benefits or ill effects," he said, "We do not want to overpromise the thousands of people who now have AIDS:"

He said the study also does not indicate whether AZT may be an appropriate treatment for children, patients with Kaposi's sarcoma or persons with asymptomatic infections.

Another limiting factor for the drug, according to health officials, is that at higher doses patients may develop a condition that suppresses the production of red and white blood cells by the bone

marrow.

handful of finishing schools in

In the early part of the century,

Switzerland, with its many private

schools for young ladies, was the place for the daughters of the

well-to-do in Europe and the

United States to learn European

But finishing schools have gone

out of fashion. Many have

introduced courses in typing.

business and hotel management.

But Mrs. Neri's school is among

the must traditional. It offers only

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brain disorder that results in brain damage. Also, the drug is administered in pill form, which

means it could be taken at home. AIDS kills by attacking cells that are essential to the body's immune system for fighting off disease. AIDS victims die of cancer, pneumonia and other diseases they might otherwise have fought off. The virulent virus has already claimed the lives of half of its more than 24,000 victims in the United States. AIDS tends to be spread by sexual contact, generally between homosexuals, or by the sharing of

needles for intravenous drug use. In another development, the Benjamin Franklin Society. publisher of the Saturday Evening Post, reports that the safe and mexpensive amino acid lysine, readily available at drugstores and supermarkets, may provide a major breakthrough in AIDS prevention. Lysine is also believed by many doctors to be an effective treatment for herpes, another

sexually transmitted disease. Dr. Cory SerVaas, the society's medical director, told reporters recently that two AIDS victims, both physicians, had experienced dramatie relief from their symptoms after taking a combination of the amino acid and two well-known prescription

Students come from around the

world because "there really isn't

another school like this," said

Mrs. Neri. There are some in

England that come close, she said,

but they don't require fluency in

the many private schools and universities in Switzerland that

successfully fought a proposed law

last summer that would have

sharply limited the stay of foreign

for 34 students and is full every

year. This year's group mostly

consists of West Europeans and

Latin Americans. But there is one

The Villa Pierrefeu has room

Finishing schools were among

focus of the AZT experiment - brain-blood barrier. This is a illness dated back to 1983, alleged that is, to patients who suffered crueial step in preventing that he felt like "death warmed their first attack of pneumocystis encephalopathy, an AIDS-related over before his treatment, but now jogs, lifts weights, and no longer feels fatigued after work." she said. "He has been completely

well for more than a year." The society is putting together computerised lists of volunteers who may be interested in some on the regimen used by the doctors who recovered. Ser Vaas said the society will follow up on these patients in the hope that the new regimen can be investigated scientifically.

Researchers at the National Cancer Institute report that they have created a non-deadly version of the AIDS virus, raising hopes that mutant germ could be used to develop a treatment or vaccine for

the disease. Researchers said that the laboratory-altered version will not destroy the deadly AIDS virus but can compete with it in the victim's body. They theorise that if an AIDS victim were given the altered version, it would go after the same immune-system cells that the AIDS virus attacks, but would not kill them. Instead the altered virus would prevent the fatal AIDS virus from infecting

the cell. However, researchers still need to learn much more about possible negative effects the altered virus might have on people before human tests are scheduled. drugs, tagamet and acyclovir.

Animal tests could begin so U.S. Information Agency. Animal tests could begin soon -

Courses include protocol,

etiquette and "savoir-vivre," or

how to be at ease in any situation.

Students also must become fluent

"I never tell people at home that I'm going to a finishing school because they think I'm just going

to lay off in some posh school and

not do anything. It's quite the opposite. We have to do everything," says Rebecca, 18, from Wichita, Kansas.

The students declined to give

Students at Villa Pierrefeu have

their last names for privacy

38 hours of classes a week. They

make their own beds, clean their

in French and English.

suburbs wish is to be able to reach their homes, with their cars, to have their garbage collected regularly and to walk on asphalt not on mud. Is it too much to ask?

## American affluence at what long-term cost?

A recent study has shown that Americans are enjoying affluence undreamed of by their forefathers despite pockets of poverty strewn across the country. But economists are questioning the long-term effects of the great jump forward in the standard of life in the United States ...

By John Cunniff The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Researchers say affluence their forefathers could not imagine. But some economists are worried about the long-term cost of America's great leap shipments to the nation's retailers forward in its standard of living. included 9 million microwave A recent report by the

Conference Board, a makers, 21 million television sers, privately-funded international 7 million video recorders, 28 husinesses information service, million portable tape players, 19 and the U.S. Census Bureau says million hair dryers and 20 million the American standard of living home security devices. has increased at a rate of more than 20 per cent every decade. "While there are still distressing

pockets of poverty in this country, even the most ardent utopian at the turn of the century could not dream of the affluence and quality of life in today's America," said Fabian Linden, the author of the report and the executive director of the Conference Board's

Consumer Research Centre. The report, titled "How We Live: Then and Now," profiles the country's economic progress during most of the 20th century. It found that in the past 35 years the goods and services consumed by the average American have

doubled. However, economist of all persuasions argue that consumption is uften at the expense of production and doesn't

necessarily mean progress.

The output of the average U.S. worker more than doubled during the first half of the century, and doubled again in the past 35 years. But economists warn that the statistic can be misleading. They say U.S. production growth has lagged recently. And some argue that much of the current U.S. affluence is at the expense of

vesterday and tomorrow. productivitiy increases made possible the great consumer society, and borrowing from future generations through government deht has helped

The study, however, predicted technological breakthroughs and more stable prices would soon put U.S. productivity back on its long-term growth path.

took about 60 cents of a measure could encourage household's dollar just to buy the consumers to pay as they go, and necessities of life - food, clothing may be save some money that can and shelter. Now it costs 45 cents. be invested in productivity.

The study found 40 per cent of all American households now own two or more automobiles, up from 15 per cent 25 years ago. The Americans have reached an telephone is in almost every home but in 1950, two out of every five

homes were without a phone, Last year alone, the study said, ovens, 14, million electric coffee

The U.S. consumer splurge is fuelled by an abundance of money to lend, courtesy of credit-card issuers, a tax system that makes interest tax-deductible, and the Federal Reserve Bank, the

nation's central bank. And because of the splurge U.S. consumers are deep in debt. So is the government, which has sought

to serve the consumer appetite for services not directly available in the marketplace. Budget deficits are a way of life. Many economists contend that

because of government and consumer borrowing there is less money available for investment in productivity, which is the engine

of a consumer society.

The study concluded that in the century's first 50 years, worker output increased hecause of innovation, invention, more

efficient management and the availability of capital. It said savings were invested in

mure productive plants, machinery and processes, and all three were kept up to date by the need to meet competition.

The Tax Foundation, a private educational and research organisation, said that today government borrowing has cut the They explain that yesterday's gross savings rate by a third.

In the second quarter of this year, the Tax Foundation said gross private savings of individuals and businesses were accumulated at an annual rate of nearly \$719

hillion. But federal deficits reduced that by \$237 hillion. Some of those worried about the debt were pleased that the new U.S. tax law will discontinue deductions for interest on most The report said that in 1915 it consumer loans. They said the

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By Joy Aschenbach National Geographic

WASHINGTON - As surely as the Earth is round, maps are flatpieces of paper that you hold in your hand. Not any more.

When you reach into the glove compartment for that familiar folded road map, you may pull out a cassette tape instead. The electronic road map, already available in California, shows up as green lines on a dashhoard-mounted viewing

The map automatically moves as the car moves; streets that go by outside also go by on the screen. The electronic map not only lets you know where you are (a small stationary arrow), but where you are going ( flashing star), and how

35H

to get there. You can zoom in for a close-up of the neighbouring streets, or view the highway network of an entire metropolitan area. "You'll

Computerised road never get lost again," claims John Korchin of Etak Inc., manufacturer of the nation's first

in-car navigation system. Korchin contends that glancing at a map on a screen is no more distracting to the driver than looking at the speedometer. "It saves fumbling for a paper map or

squinting at street signs," he says. The California company has applied modern technology to an ancient Polynesian concept of navigation, known as etak. The Polynesians sailed the Pacific by agining that their canoe was stationary and measuring their progress by the movement of the islands around them.

The Etak system determine the car's position by "augmented dead reckoning." Its components include a compass, shoe-box-size computer in the trunk, motion sensors on the wheels, and a map data base ( a series of map cassettes, four to cover the San Francisco Bay area, six for Los

vacuum cleaner.

Etak will eventually make cassettes for the rest of the country. It has licensed its design to General Motors, which plans to offer the mapping system as an option on its cars within a few

Other U.S. automakers are developing systems of their own, some using satellites to track the car's movements. "It's accepted throughout the industry that in-car navigation is just around the corner," a spokesman for one automanufacturer says.

The revolution in road maps is part of the renaissance that computers started in cartography. It's been called the higgest revolution in mapmaking since Columbus discovered that the-Earth wasn't flat, and it has moved

into high gear in the 1980s. "Actually cartography's in its fourth major technological

revolution. The printing press

brought about the first," explains

Phillip C. Muchreke, professor of boundaries and they no longer geography at the University of Wisconsin.

Computers have turned mountains and canyons, rivers and roads, towns and international borders into millions of numbers. These digitised pieces of maps are stored oo reels of tape. At the command of the computer cartographer, who sits at a control console in a dimly lit room, they can he called up on a multicoloured display screen and manipulated in hundreds of ways.

Before, you had to make do with maps somebody else made and shoved in a drawer. Now you can tailor mapping to whatever needs you have," Muchrcke says. Enter a new command and rivers can be made wider or narrower. Misaligned roads can be rerouted. Type in a different number on a world map, and the ocean hecomes hluer. Design a

have to be added manually, one by

If Argentina should decide to relocate its capital 500 miles south to Patagonia, the computer can make the move from Buenos Aires in minutes.

When art and cartography are combined, computers do double duty: Lenin appeared larger than the other European leaders in a group portrait painted for a National Geographic historical map; the computer saved the time of having the artist repaint it. Within a few hours, it was able to shrink Lenin and enlarge

Churchill Rand McNally, the nation's largest non-government mapmaker, is huilding an electronic data base for the United States, Canada, and Mexico, from city streets to interstate highways. Computer will speed the updating symbol for the thousands of tiny of the publisher's U.S. road atlas; dots that make up international last year's 20,855 changes were

made by hand. In the future. computers will combine in-car navigation with information on points of interest, food, and

lodging. Also in the future, says Wayne Fish of Logistics Systems, which already provides computerised routing for the trucking industry and some automobile clubs, are roadside computer terminals. You'll punch in your place of origin, destination, and up to 15 stops in between," he says.

By far the largest computerised mapper in the United States is the federal government, which uses high-tech cartography for everything from missile guidance systems and bomber targeting to

taking the national census. The U.S. Geological Survey has captured the entire country on computer at a small scale, and is in the process of digitising all of its 55,000 large-scale (1:24,000) maps, a task that is expected to take until the end of the century.

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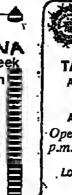
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# Mandlikova defeats Shriver to win Jason Classic tennis

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia ended a yearlong drought Sunday by defeating Pam Shriver of the United States 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 in the final of the \$100,000 Jason Classic Women's Tennis Tournament at Brisbane's Milton Courts.

Top seeded Mandlikova, champion. winless in 1986, took out the first Virginia Slims Series title of 1987 in impressive style.

The world number four served particularly well, getting out of tight spots twice in the final set. Second-seeded Shriver fought hard throughout the 1 hour 36 minute struggle in hot, humid

"I made six finals last year and didn't manage to win any of tbem," said Mandlikova, the 24-year-old former U.S. Open

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)

Soccer king Pele and other greats from years past spent Saturday in last minute training

for the first Pele Cup, a tourney

among countries that have won

Former soccer stars over

34-years-old such as Pele, Ado,

Carpegian and Edu from Brazil,

Rudy Fischer, Wolfgang Overath

and Paul Breitiner from West

Germany practised under cloudy

skies for the exhibition games,

wbich begin Sunday in Sao Paulo.

tourney, which runs through Jan.
18, will be between Brazil and

Italy and will be a rerun of the final

of the 1970 World Cup won by

Sao Paulo newspaper that 38,000

of the 60,000 seats in the

Pacaembu Stadium were already

Many of the greats who helped

Swedish tennis star Mats

Wilander, sporting a hint of pink,

married South African model

Sonya Mulholland in a pink and

white tent amid tight security

Private security guards checked

the names and car registrations of

guests arriving for the wedding on

Journalists were allowed only a

hrief photo call hefore

Mulholland, 24, declared: "I've

had enough," and gestured to

Wilander, ranked third in the

world, is a tennis hero in Sweden

but his decision to marry

Mulholland in South Africa

caused a Swedish press outcry.

But anti-apartheid groups there

have said it was a private matter

a luxury estate in South Africa's

wealthy sugar-farm area.

photographers to leave.

and services.

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taken for the first game.

Organisers told the Estado De

Brazil 4-1.

Saturday.

The opening match of the

the World Cup at least twice.

conditions.

"Its good to get off to a much better start this year."

Mandlikova's victory stamped her as one of the major contenders for the Australian Open, which begins at Kooyong on Jan. 12. She showed a complete mastery

of the fast Brisbane grass court against a taller opponent who is renowned as a serve-and-volleyer. The start of the match was

international play in 1971 and Brazilian soccer in 1974.

idol play ball live since that year.

game," 46-year-old Pele told the

Jornal Do Brasil radio. "But 1

have to confess that I am very

Brazilians haven't seen their

"I am in shape to play the whole

Pele said he expected to see lots

of nervous players on the field

Sunday as emotions ran high with

old friends and competitors

playing together for the first time

the first of the tourney games but Brazil team coach Luciano Do

Valle said he thought Pele would

end up 'changing his mind and

might play in the game against

Uruguay," be told the Estado De Sao Paulo newspaper.

Besides Brazil and Italy.

Uruguay, West Germany, and

Argentina will participate in the

to play in the republic as a protest against Pretoria's race policies.

bridesmaids and flower girls wore

pink and white. Wilander, 23,

carried through the colour scheme

by adding a plak cummerbund to

Fellow Swedish tennis player

Wilander and Mulholland were

married in a pink-and-white

marquee before about 100 guests,

hut reporters were unable to

establish whether it was a religious

It took place on the lawns of the

large, single-storey house where

Mulholland's sister Bly Louw

Wilander and his bride plan to

continue living in the apartment they share in New York.

ceremony.

his black suit and white shirt.

Joakim Nystrom was best man.

Mulholland and her

Pele has said he will play only in

Mandikova then romped through Wales women's open, which the first set, playing excellent begins Monday at Sydney's White attacking tennis.

Soccer greats prepare for Pele Cup

nervous.

Brazil to victory will be back on two-week event, which has official the field, including soccer king recognition from FIFA, the world

Tennis star Mats Wilander

SHONGWENI, South Africa (R) and they respected his pledge not

marries S. African model

Shriver hit back to take the second set, but was constantly in

trouble in the third. Mandlikova broke the American's serve in the fifth game of the decisive set, hut then dropped her own immediately afterwards.

Mandlikova, who has applied to become an Australian citizen. broke again in the ninth game and this time held herown serve to take the match.

"Hana came up with superb serves at the right time," Shriver said afterwards.

"I had 15-40 on her last two service games and she held them both. She proved too tough." Mandlikova and Shriver have delayed 90 minutes by rain, but both entered the New South

training in Rio for much of the

past week and has complained

tourney, which frequently has left

them without a proper place to

The German team, which will

play without soccer great Franz

Beckenbauer, arrived Friday, and

Argentina's squad was to include Brindisi, Mas, Babington,

Villa, Kempes and Albrecht,

while Uruguay was to feature such

The starting line-ups for the

Brazil-Italy game were as follows: Brazil: Do, Toninho, Jaime,

Djalma Dias, Marco Antonio,

Teodoro, Carpegiani, Rivelino,

Italy: Bordon (Albertosi),

Maldera, Roversi, Cuccuredu,

Faccheti, Marini, Sala, Beluci,

Maraschi, Bonisegna and Poleti.

American wins

girl's 16 tennis

PORT WASHINGTON, New

York (AP) - Sixth-seeded Carrie

Cunningham of the United States,

outlasted Erica O'Neill of the.

United States, 6-4, 7-5 in a two-hour match Saturday to win

the girl's 16 title in the Port

Washington International Tennis

Junior Championships.

Cafuringa, Pele, and Edu,

all-time stars as 46-year-old Hector Silva, Eduard Gerolami

will be led by coach Raiball.

about the organisation of the

City Courts.

train, they said.

and Jose Cabrera.

Pele, who retired from governing body of soccer.

The 164-run defeat was Australia's second worst in one-day contests - behind the 206-run drubbing received at New

position would have been worse.

short-pitched balls.

strictly."

Australia collapses to W. Indian cricketers

PERTH (R) - Australia suffered last season. more humiliation when it Australia was never in the hunt, collapsed before the West Indian disappointing the 21,000 crowd pace attack to 91 all out in its final who had turned up to watch a match of the four team one-day game rendered meaningless by both countries' two defeats earlier tournament Sunday.

Set the stiff task of 256 to win in in the tournament. Opener David Boon was out for 50 overs, the Australian batsmen failed totally to cope with the Caribbean barrage of Joel Garner, Tony Gray, Michael Holding and two and then had to endure booing from the home crowd as he walked back. He was also visibly Courtney Walsh. upset by the remarks of a Only Steve Waugh, who made 29, reached double figures and had it not been for 12 extras the spectator as he walked down the

players' tunnel. Garner, Gray (three for nine off 7.4 overs) and Holding took eight Later Australian captain Allan wickets between them at a cost of Border criticised both umpires for 51 runs from 23.4 overs.

leaving unpenalised so many A brilliant 100 from man of the match Gordon Greenidge and a Border said: "If there's no rule, whirlwind unbeaten ninth-wicket stand of 45 from just 26 balls that's fine. But the rule is there and it must be administered between Holding (53) and Gray (10) helped swell the West Indian total

The result left the West Indies in its place in the tournament. The final hetween England and

# Zealand's bands at Adelaide Oval Pakistan is on Wednesday.

## Kookaburra III gains spot in defender final Monday and with it six points.

FREMANTLE, Australia (AP) - Kookaburra III, skippered by lan Murray, sailed its way into the finals of the America's Cup defenders' trials Sunday by trouncing her stahlemate, Kookaburra II, in beavy winds and seas by 8:57 minutes.

Peter Gilmour's crew during the defenders' trials. The victory gave Kookaburra

It was the worst defeat handed

III six victory points for a total of Australia IV remained tied with Kookaburra III as it picked up an easy six points without leaving the dock. Colin Beashel's Aussie IV had been scheduled to race Steak'n Kidney, hut the Sydney boat bas been excused from further racing and six points will

be granted to her opponents. Kookaburra II now is in the uneasy position of being forced to defeat Australia 1V on Monday and hope that Murray can do the

Australia II must win one of its last two races to gain the finals. the seas being arou Kookaburra III gets the day off metres) in height.

Australia 1V would have clinched a spot in the finals if it had not lost a race in a protest hearing. Beasbel's boat bad pounded Kookahurra 11 Saturday, hut later was found guilty of not giving Kookaburra II right of way and disqualified. This cost her six

The defenders' finals, a best of nine series, are scheduled to begin Jan. 14.

Murray outmanoeuvred Gilmour at the start by 15 seconds and then added to his lead at every mark. The big margin came on the final beat to the finish line. Kookaburra III led by 3:24 at the final mark and then lowered her spinnaker and floored the gas pedal on the beat to the finish line.

The Fremantle doctor, the name the locals give winds which sweep across the Indian Ocean off this port city, provided a good breeze for the two racers. The winds started at 24 knots and reached 27 knots at the finish with the seas being around 5 feet (1.5

# Irwin takes Florida golf

FORT MYERS, Florida (R) - 7,162-yard Fiddlesticks Country Hale Irwin posted a final round Club, marked the second \$250,000 Florida Invitational Golf Tournament and the \$75,000 top prize.

Irwin, who started the day in a first place tie with 22-year-old first round leader Scott Verplank, finished with a nine-under-par 207 on Saturday five shots ahead

of Verplank and Calvin Peete. Verplank and Peete finished at four-under par 212 to share second place. Verplank, who slipped to a final round 75, and Peete, who fired a three-under-par 70 on the day,

Irwin's victory in this 54-hole,

was alone in fourth place at two-under par 214, good for \$17,250. He shot a two-over-par

was the best of the day, but it was his first sub-par round of the tournament and he finished tied for fifth with Davis Love at one-under-par 215.

Despite a bogey on the first hole, Irwin settled down and made three hirdies on the back nine.

# Cleveland, Washington win in playoffs

NEW YORK (R) - The receiver Art Monk twice for in the first sudden death overtime Cleveland Browns and the tonchdowns with the Bears Washington Redskins moved a blitzing. They added two Jess step closer to the Superbowl Atkinson field goals and another Saturday with victories in

Bears 27-13 to end Chicago's chances of repeating as Superbowi champions and the Browns were forced to go into double overtime to beat the New York Jets 23-20.

The Bears led by six points at the half 13-7. But Washington capitalised on three of four Chicago turnovers and put 20 points on the board in the second half against the premier defence in the league to advance to the National Football Conference (NFC) Championship.

Washington quarterback Jay Schroeder connected with wide

touchdown for their 27 points.

conference semifinals.

Washington stopped future hall
The Redskins shocked the of fame running back Watter

Bears in the second half. In an earlier American Football Conference (AFC) semifinal. Cleveland beat the Jets 23-20 with a dramatic come from behind win

on a field goal in double overtime. The underdog Jets, leading 20-10 with two minutes left on the clock, looked to have the game won. But the Browns fought back, scoring a touchdown and then tying the game 20-20 on a 22-yard field goal with just seven seconds

After both teams failed to score

period, a 27-yard field goal by Mark Mosely capped an 11-play, 59-yard drive a minute and a haif into double overtime, ending the second longest game in National Football League (NFL) history as Payton all day and shut-out the well as the Jets Superbowl chances.

Washington will play the winner of Sunday's game between the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers next Sunday in the NFC Championship game. Cleveland will meet the winner of the AFC semifinal between the Denver Broncos and the New England Patriots.

The winners of next week's conference championship will clash on Sunday, Jan. 25, in the Superhowl in Pasadena,

**Bucks 104, Cavaliers 95** 

In Milwaukee, Ricky Pierce

scored 27 points and Terry Cummings 23 as Milwaukee

defeated Cleveland 104-95, the

Bucks' second victory over the

The Bucks outscored Cleveland

10-5 at the start of the fourth

# Chicago snaps Detroit's winning streak

CHICAGO (AP) - After failing after three quarters, and the to reach the 40-point mark in his last two games, Michael Jordan scored 47 points, leading the Chicago Bulis to a 124-119 NBA victory over Detroit, snapping the Pistons' four-game winning streak.

Jordan had scored 34 and 31 points in the Bulls' previous two games. Saturday night's effort marked the 14th time in the Bulls' last 19 games that he has reached the 40-point plateau, and the 17th time this season. He leads the NBA in scoring with a 37.6 average.

Rookie forward Brad Sellers, making his first NBA start, added 27 points and 12 rebounds for the Bulls. Isiah Thomas led the Pistons with 36 points, followed by Adrian Dantley's 22.

After the lead seesawed early, Chicago scored 12 of the last 14 points of the first quarter for a 37-25 advantage, and the Pistons never caught up.

Rockets 138, Sonics 114

In Houston, Lewis Lloyd scored 19 of his 25 points in the first quarter as the Houston Rockets took charge early and went on to defeat the Seattle Supersonics 138-114.

The win was in the second meeting between the two teams since, the Sonics handed the Rockets their worst loss ever, a 136-80 drubbing on Dec. 6. Seattle also beat Houston

114-100 on Dec. 18. Houston had seven players in double figures, including Ralph Sampson with 21 and Mitchell Wiggins with 19, Dale Ellis and Xavier McDaniel had 21 each for Seattle, which lost its fourth

Houston dominated the first period, taking a 43-23 lead as Lloyd went 7-for-7 from the field and hit five of six free throws.

Hawks 114, Knicks 92 In Atlanta, Dominique Wilkins scored 21 points and seven Atlanta teammates scored in double figures as the Hawks snapped the New York Knicks' four-game winning streak with a

114-92 victory.
Atlanta went ahead to stay at 15-13 on a Kevin Willis dunk with 6:23 left in the first period, and led 64-48 at the half. The Hawks increased the margin to 97-67 Knicks got no closer than 99-80 in the fourth period.

Wilkins scored 15 points in the first quarter in a shooting contest with Patrick Ewing, who scored 12 of his 16 points in that period. Dominique's brother Gerald scored 20 points for the Knicks.

Nets 118, Clippers 97 In East Rutherford New

Jersey, Tony Brown scored 22 points as the New Jersey Nets defeated Los Angeles 118-97, the 11th straight loss for the Clippers. The Nets scored 20 of the

game's first 22 points and outrebounded the Clippers 75-51. Los Angeles has now won just one of its last 24 games. With 4:34 left in the third

period, New Jersey opened its biggest lead of the game at 77-53, The Clippers got as close as 88-77 Portland Trail Blazers came from early in the fourth quarter on two behind for a 116-108 victory over free throws by Tim Kempton. But the Denver Nuggets. New Jersey then scored 12 of the next 16 points to ice the victory.

Mavericks 106, Spurs 89 In San Antonio, Texas, Detlef Schrempf scored 19 points as the Dallas Mavericks won their fourth straight game, a 106-89 decision over the San Antonio spurs.

The loss dropped San Antonio to 8-23 and 15 games below,

joined the NBA 10 years ago. half and then used a 12-4 spurt at the start of the third period to pull Spurs could get after that was 65-57 with 4:25 left in the third

Cavaliers in two nights.

quarter to take a 90-76 lead on Randy Brener's free throw with 8:10 left. Cleveland cut the deficit to 94-87 with 4:53 remaining, but

Milwaukee then outscored the Cavaliers 10-2 for a 104-89 lead on Pierce's jump shot.

Trail Biazers 116, Nuggets 108

In Portland, Oregon, Kiki Vandeweghe scored 30 points and Jerome Kersey added six crucial points in the final minutes as the Portland Trail Blazers came from

The Blazers, who trailed by nine points early in the fourth period, outscored the Nuggets 14-4 in the final minutes to pull away for the

Two free throws by Kenny Carr and a rebound basket by Kersey put the Blazers ahead 110-106 with two minutes remaining. After Vandeweghe hit a pair of free to 8-23 and 15 games below, throws, Clyde Drexler, who 500, the team's worst record since scored 10 of his 20 points in the final quarter, sank a layup with 24 The Mavericks led 50-45 at the seconds left to clinch the victory.

The Blazers made 55 percent of their field goal attempts tin the ahead 62-48. The closest the final quarter, compared with 23 Spurs could get after that was percentfor Denver, which was led by Alex English with 23 points and Blair Rasmussen with 22.

# Napoli suffers 1st defeat

ROMA (R) — Diego Maradona's league run, a tracked from the start Napoli suffered its first defeat of and went ahead in the sixth minute the season Sunday, going down 3-1 at Fiorentina and allowing Internazionale Milan to take over at the top of the Italian First

Division on goal difference. Inter beat lowly Atalanta 1-0 with an 18th minute goal from Pietro Fanna.

Maradona, who scored his side's only goal, often threatened the Fiorentina goal but he found goalkeeper Marco Landucci in superb form.

Fiorentina, unpeturbed hy Napoli's 13-match unbeaten

with a goal from Argentine Ramon Angel Diaz. Veteran Giancarlo Antognoni made it two in the 28th minute when he curled home a free kick

from just outside the penalty area. Maradona's goal came six minutes into the second half, but Paolo Monelli wrapped up the game for the home side with its

thud just before the end. Champion Juventus found some of its old form after a disappointing run when it came

from behind to beat Verona 2-1. Verona went ahead in the 27th minute with a goal from Danish international Preben Elkjaer — a lead it held until midway through the second half when Lionello Manfredonia pounced on a loose ball after a defensive error and scored.

Antonio Cabrini scored the winner two minutes from time. putting Juventus fourth in the table two points behind the leader.

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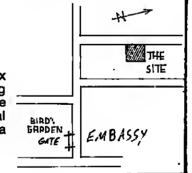
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#### Top-seeded Sabine Applemans beat Caroline Van Renterghem, both from Belgium, 6-4, 6-4, in the girl's 14 final. In the boy's 16 title match, no. 3

Vladimir Petrushenko of the Soviet Union rallied for 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 upset of second-seeded Andrei Cherkasov, also of the Soviet Union. No. 8 Dirk Dier of West Germany beat Bill Kyriakos of Brazil 7-6, 6-4 for the boy's 14 championship.

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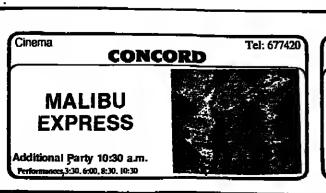
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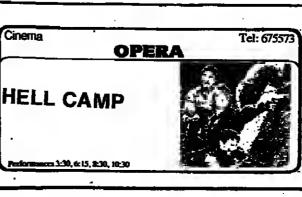
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# Weekly Financial Report

The following report summarises trading activities in Amman of major European and Arab currencies as well as gold prices. The writer is a foreign exchange dealer at Halim Salfiti and Sons

AMMAN - Last week, the U.S. dollar traded much lower on the ID and other European currencies. The main reason behind the low value of the dollar against all other currencies centres on the extremely bad American economic figures that were released recently.

The dollar traded between 0.342 to 0.3495 fils on the JO while dealers in Amman stood aside because of the end of the

Charts indicate that the dollar is m an extremely oversold situation and this week may begin its upward correction.

#### Trading in European currencies

Sterling rose to new highs against the JO and the dollar because of the high North Sea oil price and the lower dollar. Sterling traded between 0.4985 to 0.5150 fils on the JD. The DM, SF and yen rose also to new highs. The OM traded between 0.171 to 0.182 fils, the SF between 0.2085 Old Sovereign JO 38

to 221 fils and the yen between 0.00125 to 0.00135 fils on the JD.

#### World trading in metals

The weaker dollar and the higher oil prices pushed the metals higher. Gold rose from a low of \$389 an

ounce to \$407 an ounce. Platinum rose from \$457 an ounce to \$485 an ounce. Silver from \$5.25 an ounce to \$5.52 an

Charts indicate that metals cannot continue their upward correction before testing once again lower levels this week.

#### Trading in Arab currencies

The Lebanese lira crashed to new and record lows against the dollar. The LL traded around the 93.11 to the dollar and 300 to the JO last week mostly because of the instable political and economic situation

The Syrian lira maintained its value against the dollar trading between 70 to 76 SL/JD.

Gold prices in Amman according to the daily bulletin presented by the Jordan Jewellery Store Co.

Gold per gramme 21 carats Buy JD 4.000 Sell JD 4.200 Gold per gramme 18 carats Buy JO 4.500 Sell JO 4.800 Rashadi Lira JD 32

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#### FORECAST FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You have some good thoughts on how to obtain your long-desired aims. Today is not the day to ask for favors from those in posi-

tions of power. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Look to an older person for good ideas on how to gain your aims. Don't rely on

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Study your outstanding bills and plan how best to pay them. Don't argue

with your mate. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) An outside ally can give you the information you need for some new enterprise.

Keep out of trouble. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) An associate will be irked if you try to handla business affairs in a

different manner. Be cooperative. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Get into pleasures that are. enjoyable and forget drab, dull duties today. Revive your lagging spirits thusly.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You find it less difficult to handle affairs at home, so forget outside recreation LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get busy and handle

correspondence you have been permitting to pile up. Avoid arguments at home. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Avoid a talkative friend

who could keep you from handling important matters. Study how to improve your holdings

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get into personal affairs. Ba sure to avoid an argument between a higherup and a co-worker.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can make better plans for the future. Keep your personal ambitions to yourself. Enjoy company later.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Avoid friends who

could cause you to spend too much money. Study your personal wishes for the future.

PISCES (Fab. 20 to Mar. 20) Gat into the outside adtivities that can help you to gain your fina ambitions. Show off your abilities.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TOOAY ... he or she will be productive, but may be interested in too many things and not complete any of them. A good education, however, should be provided since much success will be possible when finally getting down to business. A lover of music and arts here.

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# Turkey opens first free trade zone

ANKARA (R) - Prime Minister full member of the European Turgut Ozal Saturday opened Community (EC), because they Turkey's first free trade zone, contravene the EC principle of intended to boost export earnings, in the Mediterranean port of

will be outside Turkish customs borders and operations will be free of all domestic taxation. Strikes and labour unions are banned there.

Mr. Ozal was quoted by the semi-official Anatolian News Agency as saying at the opening: In the coming years free zones will be an important part of our policy of opening up to the outside. We will also have free zones in Adana, Izmir and Antalya, They will facilitate our exports and make our imports

would have to he aholished if infrastructure.

free competition by applying a taxation regime discriminately. Mr. Ozal has said he plans to

The zone, one of four planned, apply for full EC membership this A government spokesman told Reuters that 238 companies had applied to operate in the Mersin

> manufacturing, import-export, assembly and exhibition work. Five of the total are Turkish banks. Officials say they want to encourage offshore banking in the zones, but have yet to publish

detailed provisions for this.

The Mersin facility, run by a private company, Mesbas - m which the state has a minority share — has its own wharf, But diplomats said the zones telecommunications and other



**Turgut Ozal** 

also on the Mediterranean, is due to open within a month. Those at Izmir on the Aegean and Adana on the Mediterranean are still in Turkey succeeded in becoming a - The second zone at Antalya. the planning stage.

#### Peking's first financial market opens PEKING (AP) — Peking's first

opened in Shenyang, Wuhan,

Chungking (Chongqing) and other cities.

People favour reforms,

survey indicates

Meanwhile, a survey of more than 3,300 Chinese indicates most

of them favour economic reforms

which they hope will improve their

employment opportunities and end the system of state job

allocation, the Xinhua News Agency said.

sponsored by the state-run

Workers Daily (Gongren Ribao) and a research institute and

included 3,347 respondents from

29 provinces, municipalities and

the people surveyed said the

country's economic reforms are

what the remaining respondents

thought about the reforms or their

on 290 products from Taiwan and

seven other developing countries.

Xinhua said the poll was

money market opened Saturday, with about 550 million yuan (\$149 million) changing hands in the first Bank of China, imposed a 15 per two hours of trading.
The official Xinhua News cent maximum that can be earned on shares from interest and Agency said the market, run by the Industrial and Commercial being encouraged by the government to raise badly needed

Bank of China, offers services in interbank horrowing and lending, exchange of stocks and negotiable securities and financial consultation. Fourteen financial institutions took part in first-day transactions,

the report said. It said crowds of people, including onlookers, filled the office near the Temple of Heaven in southern Peking.

Xinhua said the Tianqiao Department Store Co. offered 305,000 yuan (\$82,000) worth of stock for sale, and that most buyers were individuals.

It said one young woman bought 30,000 yuan (\$8,100) worth of stock for ber husband, who runs a factory in a Peking suburb. The average wage of a Chinese worker is about 1,000 yuan (\$270) a year. The department store is

offering interest and dividend rates 100 per cent bigher than those offered by banks, it said. The report did not say if any

other companies sold stocks. China's first stock market opened in Shanghai last fall, with two companies selling shares. Almost all shares were purchased on the first day, and there have been almost no transactions since

Most said they were unhappy The market there, also run by with the system of the state assigning lifetime jobs in state the Industrial and Commercial

enterprises. Xinhua said. Some 33 per cent said they are "strongly willing" to change their jobs, while 27.1 per cent said they were willing. Around 20 per cent said they did not care and capital for development, have also almost the same number of people said they were unwilling or reluctant to do so.

People willing to find other jobs said their current jobs do not tap their potential or initiative.

More than 55 per cent of those surveyed said lifetime job security in state-run enterprises, known as the "iron rice howl," should be abolished.

But the same number said they would not resign even if given a chance to make more money at another job and more than 36 per cent were unwilling to leave their home cities to work in other places where they might be paid much better.

More than 70 per cent said they want to choose their jobs themselves rather than be assigned by the state to a work unit Almost 53 per cent want their

The report said 41 per cent of children to marry someone with a fixed job, and nearly 89 per cent said it is reasonable to fire moving slowly, 10 per cent said they are going too slowly, and 21 unqualified employees, Xinhua per cent said they are going at a proper rate. Xinhua did not say

Some 71 per cent said heavily debt-ridden enterprises which cannot pay back their debts should be allowed to go bankrupt.

## Taiwan plans overseas sales blitzes

autonomous regions.

TAIPEI (R) - Taiwan, hard hit reduce its generalised system of He said Taiwan had the third es m U.S. import policy will diversify its export markets to Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America this year, a senior trade official said Sunday. Mr. Vincent Siew, director of the Board of Foreign Trade, told Reuters the government would help Taiwanese businessmen with

dozens of overseas sales blitzes to promote exports. "We are sure that the Oemoerat-dominated U.S. Congress will introduce more protectionistic hills this year to curb imports from those countries

which have a large trade surplus." The Reagan administration announced on Friday it would year ago.

Mr. Siew said the cuts for Taiwan, totalling 37.5 per cent or about \$1.2 billion, were the largest of the eight countries mvolved. The cuts, to be effetive from July 1, would have some impact on

several Taiwanese industries, including footwear, machine tools and furniture, he added. He attributed the GSP cuts and

rising protectionism to Washington's larger-than-expected trade deficit of a record \$175 billion last year, up from less than \$150 billion a

United States last year after Japan and Canada and he estimated the surplus at about \$13.5 hillion in 1986 against \$10.2 billion a year earlier.

He said Taiwan wanted to reduce its trade surplus with the United States by buying more products from its largest trading partner this year.

Taiwan announced last week a series of liberalisation programmes aimed at importing U.S. cigarettes, wine and beer directly and cutting import tariffs of up to 50 percent on some 1,700 foreign products from the U.S. and other nations.

# Dollar fall likely to go on

NEW YORK (R) — The dollar lost five per cent of its of intervention or thetoric from value against the West German mark in the past two weeks and traders say the latest crop of bad economic news is likely to push the currency even lower when full trading resumes Monday.

In a quiet market on Friday, to 1.9130 marks in European trading, its lowest since November 1980 when it hit 1.8810 marks.

Some dealers predict the dollar will fall below 1.90 marks in the first full trading week of 1987. Mr. Richard Jeffrey, of London brokers Hoare Govett, predicted the dollar will decline to 1.80 marks by next November.

Traders predict the dollar will decline against the Japanese yen from its current level of 158. In September, the dollar fell to 151.70 yea, its lowest since the currency was revalued after World

The bearish signs for the dollar are clear. The U.S. economy is growing at a sluggish rate and economists predict the overhaul of the American tax structure will act as a drag on growth in 1987.

Most important, however, is the stubborn U.S. trade deficit, which looks like topping \$170 billion this

Despite the dollar's fall of more than 30 per cent in the past 15 months against such key currencies as the mark and yen, the trade gap has continued to grow and at an increasing rate. Normally, a lower dollar would make U.S. exports more attractive abroad and would increase the price of imported items in the United States.

The Commerce Oepartment with many traders on holiday, the said on Wednesday the deficit dollar closed in New York at grew by \$19.22 billion in 1.9235 marks. It had earlier fallen November, much more than expected by economists and wider than the \$12 billion gap in

October. "These numbers are simply incredible," Mr. Steven Cerier of Manufacturers Hanover Trust told Reuters.

Economists say that while the trade outlook for 1987 is bener. that still means a huge trade deficit. Analysis say continued trade problems could push the United States to again talk the dollar lower.

The currency began its steep decline in reaction to U.S. pressure to reduce its high value in 1985 highlighted by the Plaza agreement among the five leading Western industrial countries to work toward a lower dollar.

But brokers also warn that the quiet conditions of the past few weeks make it difficult to predict what will happen as the market resumes its normal frenetic pace. Traders remain nervous about intervention, especially by West Germany. A quick pounce in the market by central banks, quickly driving up the value of the dollar. could mean huge losses for foreign currency traders.

Mr. Graham Sweet. vice-president in charge of foreign exchange trading at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Toronto, said: "If there is no sign senior officials, the dollar must continue to decline."

Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita hinted on Friday that concerted central bank action would be taken to restore market

#### Yeutter sees greater protectionist moves

Meanwhile. U.S. trade ;. representative, Mr. Clayton, Yeutter, has said there is a greater protectionist trend in the U.S. Congress this year than there was last year, a Japanese newspaper

reported Sunday. Mr. Yeutter, in an interview with Yomiuri Shimhun, said many of the newly clected members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, were more protectionist than those in the old Congress.

He was quoted as saying Congress would move ahead with corrective activity of its own that : could undo all the good things that have been done in terms of economic decisions by the U.S.. Japan and other countries."

Urging Japan to truly open its markets to foreign goods, he said a great deal of debate was likely on reciprocity and that this could lead to a closure of U.S. markets to Japanese goods if Japanese markets remained closed.

Japan's trade surplus with the United States was \$50 billion in 1985 and probably rose to \$80 billion last year.

Mr. Yeutter was quoted as saying Congress would prohably pass the Gephardt provision. which requires countries with large trade surpluses to reduce them within a certain period.

Announced reserves of the

United States and the Soviet

Union would last 10 to 15 years.

Sheikh Al Hamar added, "and it is

continue to deplete their reserves

impossible that both countries will

#### Banker expects higher oil prices Economie sources said UAE levels, and this would help push up

ABU DHABI (R) - The central hank governor of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) said in remarks published Saturday that he expected oil revenue increases to start this year and they could continue to the end of the century.

Sheikh Abdul Malik Al Hamar tald the semi-official daily Al lttihad that revenue boosts were expected after the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had overcome the worst crisis in its history.

"Recent developments in the oil market hava confirmed that .... the market has overcome the worst period of its history regarding the decrease in nil prices and OPEC's share of the International market. Consequently, (UAE) revenue is expected to increase and this increase could the United States and the Soviet resources which would become continue to the end of this

revenues would jump by 20 per prices. cent under OPEC moves to increase oil prices to \$18 a barrel from around \$14. The UAE has been producing

up to 1.2 million barrels per day (b/d). Under new OPEC quntas agreed last month, the UAE nutput should decline to 902,000 b/d from the beginning of January. UAE oil revenues, which constitute more than 90 per cent of the nation's income, slumped

fell sharply as a result of a glut in the international market. Oil ministers of the 13-member OPEC agreed last mnnth to cut production to increase oil prices to

by more than half when oil prices

Sheikh Al Hamar predicted that Union would be unable to available as a result of the

at the same levels." He said UAE government spending, which is the main factor in activating the country's economy, would rise as a result of

Spending in the oil sector would also rise to prepare for the increase in demand for oil during

the increase in nil revenues.

He said the government should benefit from previous economic experience and adopt a five-year or 10-year plan to utilise century," Sheikh Al Hamar said. continue oil production at current expected recovery.

## African oil nations to form new group

oil-producing nations will meet in Lagos later this month to launch a consultative group called the African Hydrocarbon

Association, a spokesman for the Nigerian oil industry has said. Mr. Alex Nwokedi of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), told Reuters that representatives of

LAGOS (R) — Ten African Petroleum Exporting Countries members in Algiers last February.

oil-producing nations will meet in (OPEC) members — would meet was twice scheduled in Lagos last those of non-OPEC producers year and twice postponed. Angola, Cameroun, Congo,

nations on Jan. 23 and 24, he meaningful cooperation."

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The group is the hramchild of Tunisia, Egypt and Benm on Jan.

26 and 27 to form the group.

The meeting would be preceded by a session of experts from the 10 consultation. dialogue and

The new group was originally conceived against a background of Nigeria, Gahon, Algeria and Hydrocarbon Association, tumbling world oil r Libya — all Organisation of conceived by the African OPEC disunity in OPEC. Hydrocarbon Association, tumbling world oil prices and

By Harris

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## **Peanuts**









### Mutt 'n' Jeff



## **Andy Capp**







#### Unscramble these four Jumble Nobody goes there anymore one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. **KRYJE** DYPUG

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"My doctor says I need to improve my muscle tone. Got any really

heavy beer mugs?

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RESTAURANT THAT MADE THOSE AWFUL SUBMARINE SAND-WICHES DID. Now arrange the circled letters to

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon. Print enswer here:

Jumbles: RAVEN PRIOR HUMBLE DEPICT Answer: The barber told him stories that could do this-

Baby born in

hospital elevator

TOKYO (AP) - A 35-year-old

woman, stuck in a hospital

elevator for 40 minutes on her way

to the delivery room, gave birth

inside while a doctor gave

instructions from outside to a

nurse in the elevator, a hospital

official said Sunday. The official,

who spoke on condition of

anonymity, said Yoko Fukushima

and the 23-year-old nurse

hoarded the elevator at 4:45 a.m. Saturday (1945 GMT Friday), but

the door would not open when

they reached the third floor to go

to the delivery room. He said the

nurse wrapped the baby girl in her

white dress and beld her while

Mrs. Fukushima rested on the

elevator floor before police and

firemen broke open the elevator

reject 'iron ricebowl'

PEKING (R) - Most Chinese

door about 30 minutes later.

Chinese workers

# Peking students appeal to Deng, attack media for slanted news

PEKING (R) — Illegal wallposters reappeared at Peking University Sunday urging Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping to respond to appeals for democracy and asking students to burn the Communist Party's Peking Daily for inaccurate reporting.

least three posters at the elite college, including a four-page open letter to Mr. Deng. Officials one Saturday.

We have to write to you (Deng) because there are no other channels of expression left. Please answer us," said an open letter signed by final-year mathematics student Guo Jichuan.

The letter said the students would give Mr. Deng 10 days to reply before deciding their next course of action.

The student said the official inedia bad slanted news of marched 15 kilometres to split over the issue. Tiananmen Square to secure the release of at least 24 students held in the Thursday portest.

A month-long series of

Investigators bave found

'important pieces of the jigsaw'

but the cause of a New Year's Eve

hotel fire that killed at least 95

people won't be known for days,

Police Superintendent Carlos

Lopez Feliciano said more than

150 survivors and witnesses to

Wednesday's disaster have been

Lopez Feliciano says.

Witnesses said there were at demonstrations for democracy and press freedom has been metby an official media campaign urging students to stay off the had ripped down all posters but streets and blaming the unrest on small numbers of troublemakers.

Guo's letter, read eagerly by students, said police had been too rough with students on Thursday. Our demonstrations were all proper ... they are over now but we would bave marched seven-and-a-half hours in vain if our appeals for democracy are slanted by newspapers."

Mr. Deng and other members of the ruling politburo have not made public their opinions on the demonstrations on Thursday and marches, leading to speculation friday when 1,000 students that Communist Party leaders are

"Newspapers should report, not give opinions. There are too many opinions and too much inaccurate reporting, which has caused nationwide students Peking citizens to oppose

included agents from the Federal

Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco and Firearms and local

police. He declined to disclose

details of the meeting.
At the end of Friday's search,

Mr. Lopez Feliciano said he

thought all victims had been

found. Even so, a final search for

students," the letter said. Guo's letter wished Mr. Deng good health and said students supported reforms he bad

Alongside it were two unsigned posters, one of which asked students to attend a public burning of copies of the Peking Daily Monday afternoon because of its 'unfair reporting' of the protests, which was separating students from the masses.

The other accused the newspaper of causing unrest with its biased reporting and said "it was the tongue of the leftists."

Students at the university said they were not likely to stage more protests because of impending exams but some said they would come to watch the burning of the Peking Daily.

A foreign student at Shanghai, scene of the biggest marches, told Reuters by telephone that there were no posters on campuses there and no plans for future protests, with students busy preparing for exams.

China Sonday announced the arrest of a man for inciting students to demonstrate and

maintained its media blitz againt further protests for democracy by saying that freedom of expression in the West was not unlimited.

The official Peking Daily said police arrested Kong Nian, described as a former student at Qinghua University expelled in 1984 for robbery, for inciting students at Peking Teachers University to demonstrate and attacking them when they did not.

He is the eighth person, none students, known to have been arrested since the students on at least 12 campuses across China started demonstrating a month ago for democracy and freedom. No new protests were reported overnight.

A worker has been arrested for putting up a poster at a South China Technical College urging students" to take to the streets and cause disturbances," a Hong Kong

newspaper said Sunday.
The pro-Peking Wen Wei Po said Chen Xiaoqiang, believed to be in his 30s, was taken into custody after be tacked up the poster last week at the Huanan Institute of Technology in Canton.

The daily said be was being questioned by security officials.

# Shultz to make first visit

diplomatic quagmire of southern

He will grapple with the South this month.

A visit to southern Africa, scene of painful setbacks for the Reagan administration's tattered policy of constructive engagement with the Pretoria government, is expected at some future date.

Shultz will start his week-long Africa tour in Senegal on Thursday and go on to Cameroun, Kenya, Nigeria, Ivory Coast and stability.

NEW YORK (AP) - A black

hearing his side of the story.

"They only wanted to hear part

of it and not all of it," Cedric

cburch. "So I decided to

Sandiford said be would

cooperate only with a special prosecutor, and called on New

York Governor Mario Cuomo to

Sandiford's stepson, Michael

Griffith, 23, was struck by a car

and killed fleeing the gang of whites that attacked as the black

men left a pizza parlour in the

Howard Beach district in the New

York City Borough of Queens on

Dec. 20. Sandiford and Timothy

Grimes, 19, escaped.

appoint one.

discontinue this masquerade."

regarded as moderates on southern Africa issues. All have strong links to the West.

engaged in some tough talk. Mr. Shultz bitterly opposed conomic sanctions against South

Africa but failed to prevent Congress from overruling the administration and enacting measures aimed at pressuring the Pretoria regime to dismantle the apartheid system of racial egregation.

#### Coloured Hurricane leaves 1,000 S. African homeless in Cook Islands by the storm damage. RAROTONGA, Cook Islands minister

(AP) — Cook Islands Prime Minister Sir Tom Davis on Sunday described hurricane Sally as the "worst in living memory," and estimated that about 1,000 people representing one-tenth of the island's population had been left

homeless by the storm.

Davis estimated that damage to the waterfront in the capital from huge tidal waves was more than \$25 million.

Sally roared across the South Pacific island nation early Saturday, packing winds 150 to 200 kilometres-per-hour at its peak. Waves up to 10 metres added to flooding from swollen

already under fire from President The storm wrecked the main street in Rarotonga, devastated government and harbourside buildings and flattened banana and coconut crops and resorts.

Despite widespread the plunge under the resentful gaze of white extremists.

destruction, Davis said there were no reports of casualties in the island group, 3,000 kilometres north east of Auckland, New **Zealand** 

Most of the homeless were evacuated before the storm. Davis said most of these were from low income areas which were 'particularly hard bit by a combination of high seas, winds and flooding."

Officials estimated the economy had been set back years

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP)

An 8-day-old baby boy bas died shortly after receiving a heart transplant at Kosair Children's

Hospital, a hospital spokesman

only as baby Michael, underwent

the experimental operation at

noon, said spokesman Bill

Loader. But the donor heart, from

an unidentified California infant,

began to swell and ceased to

function, Loader said. Baby Michael died at 10:17 p.m. (0317

The infant suffered from

hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a

problem that does not allow

GMT) Saturday.

The Kentucky child, identified

"It's the worst hurricane in living memory," said Davis, adding that road, harbour and electricity repair was being given highest priority. He said island group was

suffering water and power shortages. The United States and France

had each offered emergency aid,

Panl Cleveland, the U.S. ambassador in Wellington, New Zealand, said the United States would provide \$25,000. Gaston Flosse, representing the French government, flew in from Tahiti on Sunday and pledged French assistance in the form of bulldozers and other equipment.

Buildozers had begun work by Sunday afternoon, pushing rubble into the sea, according to the Australian Associated Press

Officials said about 80 per cent of the city of Rarotonga was severely damaged with some structures reduced to rubble.

Residents of other villages on the main island of Rarotonga gave reports of huge boulders being hurled more than 50 metres onshore by waves which destroyed houses and toppled trees.

Anthorities ordered residents to boil water to guard against disease until normal sewage and drain systems could be repaired.

kind at Kosair, was performed by

Dr. Constantine Mavroudis, a

University of Louisville surgeon

who is one of two doctors in the

United States to successfully

Robert Dean Cardin, who

became the first infant heart

recipient at Kosair on June 13

when he was 23 days old, has been

released from the hospital. The

second, 1-year-old Natasha Rose

Hatfield, received a new heart on

Dec. 11. She is still hospitalised

but is doing well, Loader said.

Dr. Leonard Bailey of Loma Linda University in California has

transplant hearts into infants.

#### workers want the right to choose their jobs even at the risk of being fired rather than settling for total

security in a state-assigned post, an official survey has said. The New China News Agency said the survey of 49,278 workers showed most favour reforms which they hope will improve job prospects. Under new laws introduced on Oct. 1 last year, people employed in state-run enterprises can be The operation, the third of its fired for shoddy work or if their firms go bankrupt - a radical change from the previous "iron ricebowl' policy guaranteeing life-time employment. People hired after that date sign contracts with enterprises for one, two or three years. They will be able to change jobs after that, with permission from employers. At present, almost all 70 million workers in state enterprises are assigned to their jobs and remain in their work units for the rest of their lives. The survey showed 70 per cent of those interviewed want to choose their own jobs and almost 89 per cent consider it reasonable to fire unqualified employees, the agency said. But it said more than half agreed with the statement: "Even if I am not interested in the job I'm holding now, I dare not resign in the bope

of finding a new job."

Team hopes to break

## Fuel cut-off to Jaffna 'strengthens' Tamil rebels

Jaffna peninsula, a rebel stronghold, will strengthen Sri Lanka's separatist movement, the island's guerrilla leader said in an

of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) told the Sun newspaper that fuel supplies to Jaffna, 300 kilometres north of Colombo, had been cut off before and his group had anticipated the

"We expect that complete siege situation," be said. "It bas bappened many times bere. Under these strains only can a revolution go on. These reprisals

Petrol and diesel supplies to Jaffna were stopped on Friday following an announcement by the LTTE, the most powerful group fighting for an independent Tamil homeland, that it would collect vehicle licensing fees on the peninsula

The LTTE also plans to run

levy business turnover taxes. The stopping of fuel supplies is the government's first reaction to LTTE plans to set up a parallel flight record civil administration.

Military officials in Jaffna told EDWARDS AIR FORCE Reuters by telephone it would BASE, California (AP) — take at least a week for the fuel Practically on the heels of cut-off to change normal life in the area.

Voyager's historic around-the-world flight, another

Military officials said about 50 private group has come to the youths had been trained by the Mojave Desert with another

shirts and a cap," one said. Kittu told the Sun the measures for running the peninsula did not amount to a unilateral declaration of independence but were aimed at meeting the failure of the government's civil administration. He said the LTTE did not trust

the government's call for direct talks and felt it was a move to drive a wedge between the group and the Indian government. India, where around 100,000

Sri Lankan Tamils have sought refuge, has been mediating to end the bloody three-year separatist

#### LTTE to work as traffic exotic airplane to assault an policemen. They even got a aviation record. This time, a group uniform, black trousers, blue of engineers and a part-time athlete hope to set a new record for human-powered flight. Lois McCallin, a 29-year-old financial analyst and triathlon competitor, plans to pedal an 40-kilogramme plane over a triangular. 48-kilometre course above a dry lake bed in southern California. If successful, she'll break the record set June 12, 1979, when Bryan Allen pedalled the Gossamer Albatross 35 kilometres across the English Channel, The high-tech plane arrived at Edwards Air Force Base on Dec. 23, coming in on a truck the same day the Voyager airplane landed after flying around the world without refuclling. The new effort, sponsored by the Massachussetts Institute of Technology, the Smithsonian Institution and a U.S. Beer Company, is called the Daedalus Project, after the figure in Greek mythology who flew after fixing wax and feathers to his arms. His son, Icarus, fell and died

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#### U.S. to charge \$1 entry fee for Statue of Liberty

whose plane set the record.

when he flew too close to the sun

and the wax in his wings melted.

As the Daedalus group works toward a Jan. 14 flight, one of its

biggest supporters is the man

NEW YORK (AP) - The National Park Service will begin charging a temporary \$1 entry fee to the Statue of Liberty beginning next month, officials said. The price increase will bring the cost of a trip to the national monument to \$5. The park service is adding the entry fee to selected parks and monuments to repay a \$15-million loan from the federal government for park rehabilitation."Up until now, the only thing (visitors) ever had to pay was the circle line for the ferry to the statue," Carol Scott, a park scrvice spokeswoman, said Friday. The round-trip ferry ride is \$4, "It's not supposed to be a long-lived thing," Ms. Scott said, adding that the \$1 fee is due to expire in September.

#### to get a trade bill through his Byrd, who becomes majority committee and onto the Senate leader in the Senate. floor, possibly by summer.

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

COLLECT WHAT'S DUE

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**♦ 1092 ♦ K**986 South West North East 1 • Pass 2 NT Pass 3 • Page Pass Pass Pass Pass Opening lead: Queen of ◊

On every hand there are a certain number of tricks that are due declarer and the defenders. It is up to each side to see that they get

North had a classic, although minimum, two no trump response to his partner's one spade opening bid. When South showed an unbalanced hand by introducing a new suit, North gave preference to his partner's first suit and left the final decision to his partner.

queen of diamonds. When declarer played low and the lady won the amond tricks and a club. The setting trick would have to be the queen of clubs, for simple arithme-tic showed that East was unlikely a third diamond trick?

ued with the jack of diamonds, declarer could cover with the king and East would not know he had to shift to a club after winning the ace of diamonds. So declarer continued with a low diamond at trick Iwo. When East won the ace, the hand

from dummy at the first trick if he countenance by dismissing Mr. held the jack in the suit, so West Najibullah's proposals. had to have that card. And if West held the ten of diamonds as well, he would have continued with that

shift. With the ace-king of hearts in full view on the table, the only suit Wasbington said national West could want led was a club. East obliged, and West took both his club honors to sink the

the ceasefire would mean recognising the Kabul government and accepting its

if it is joined by the irreversible."
Western-backed rebels and to Kabul Rad guarantee safe passage to guerrilla leaders returning for talks on

TASS said the national reconciliation policy was bold because it did not exclude. opposition groups inclined to follow an independent line. The provision of a ceasefire showed it was a concrete programme, the agency said.

intervened militarily in Afghanistan in December 1979, has an estimated 115,000 troops in the country helping the Afghan army to fight the rebels, according to Western estimates.

reconciliation commission Saturday, Mr. Najibullah called on the rebels to forget the past and return unarmed to their families, under guarantee of safe-conduct, You are welcome in any village in

any town, and our leaders will receive you in the Delkasha reconciliation would bave to include rebel representatives. The seat of the country's parliament, sent to foreign leaders. Muslim guerrillas said accepting the Revolutionary Council.

was sapping the strength of the country, Mr. Najibullah declared that bis Communist-led government was stronger than ever, adding: "The revolutionary process in Afghanistan is

Kabul Radio also gave further details of a truce announced three days ago and already dismissed by the Pakistan-based guerrillas and the United States.

Quoting a Revolutionary Council resolution, it said that from Jan. 15 government forces would stop offensive actions and return to their permanent bases under peacetime conditions. Artillery and air strikes might also end, it said.

themselves Mujahideen, agreed to the ceasefire it would last initially for six months. Mr. Najibullah said

commanders had been ordered to exercise patience and ignore provocations, while troops would only fire in response to open

Mujahideen spokesmen in Pakistan have denounced the according to official Kabul Radio. ceasefire as a fraud and pledged to "We are ready for open talks. continue their struggle until the ou are welcome in any village in estimated 115,000 Soviet troops withdraw from Afghanistan.

TASS said the new

While conceding that the war governments of Iran and Pakistan, where the guerrillas have their bases, the United Nations. Organisation of Islamic Conference and Non-Aligned Movement.

> unity with non-Communists, Mr. Najibullah said he was prepared for compromise with Islamic Organisations, monarchists and rebel leaders in exile; and opponents now in jail.
> While denouncing the guerrillas as unpatriotic and enemies of their

own people, be declared: "We are even ready to talk to extremists this should not be considered a sign of weakness."

years in the mountains, can at last see their wives, children and parents," the former secret police chief said. "Not only will we guarantee your security, but also not spare you any assistance."

Mr. Najibullah said both sides were tired of the war, which has sent some five million refugees almost one-third of the population, - into exile abroad.

In eight years of war, tens of thousands of people had been killed disabled and wounded, he commission for national said. The economy had been badly reconciliation, and would have effected with half the budget control over such things as local

from earlier leaders, who had conscription.

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eight years ago, everything changes, the leaders change," he said. "Many things which were at one time important have now. with the passage of time, lost their importance."

The Revolutionary Council resolution declared that Islam, the constitution.

district reconciliation commissions with far-reaching powers of local government, made up of village elders, leading Muslims, and "in certain cases leaders of armed groups" — a

#### 'Important pieces' found to sub-Saharan Africa in Puerto Rican hotel fire WASHINGTON (R) - Secretary Liberia. SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - following a 21/2 hour meeting that

of State George Shultz makes a diplomatic foray into sub-Saharan Africa this week, his first to the region since he took office four

and a half years ago.

The trip will take him to six friendly, mostly moderate countries far from the political and

After a stop in Bermuda, Mr.

The purpose of the trip will be to see "some of our good friends in Africa," a State Department official said.

Most of the host countries are

Only in Nigeria, a hardliner on South Africa and its continued. rule over Namibia (South West Africa), is Shultz expected to be

On securify issues, Mr. Shultz and his hosts are expected to agree that Libyan leader Muamman Qadhafi poses a threat to regional

The attack beightened racial

tensions in the area, sparking

weekend were evaluating security

for the city's public schools, which

reopen Monday after the

Sandiford's lawyer, Alton

Maddox Jr., said his client believes

Griffith was part of the mob and

ran him down intentionally.

that the driver of the car that hit

Maddox has demanded that

charges be lodged against the man, Dominick Blum, 24, before

Black survivor of New York racial

attack again refuses to cooperate

refused to testify.

Christmas vacation.

man who survived a deadly racial arrested in the attack, but Queens

attack by a white gang again criminal court Judge Ernest Bianchi on Monday dropped. murder charges against them for lack of evidence after Sandiford

Sandiford, 36, said during a attacks by black gangs that police two-hour news conference at a called retaliation. Officials this

local council, after a long and acrimonious debate, decided to open its beaches to all races. The decision has yet to be legally ratified by the government-appointed Cape provincial administrator.

swims at

beach

against apartheid.

whites-only

PORT ELIZABETH, South

Africa (R) - South Africa's only

mixed-race cabinet minister led

150 of his supporters onto a whites-only beach in this eastern

Cape Town Sunday for an

early-moming swim in protest

The Rev. Allan Hendrickse

P.W. Botha for attacking cabinet

policies and from many in his own

coloured community for joining

the white-led government - tool

The Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) ( Reconstituted National

Party), who object to any dilution

of apartheid race segregation,

have vowed to press charges

against anyone who oversteps the

traditional dividing lines between

black and coloured and white

Police stood by while Rev.

Hendrickse, declaring: "This is God's beach," led men and

women attending his Labour

Party congress here in a high-

spirited rush to the water. Police

Beach apartheid has become a

major issue in South Africa over the Christmas holiday, with

serious racial conflict around

Durban, where in some areas

anyone can swim and in others the water is reserved for blacks, coloureds, Indians or whites.

In Cape Town all beaches are

open to all races and there has

been little sign of racial friction.

The legal status of beach

apartheid in Port Elizabeth has

been ambiguous since the white

beaches in Port Elizabeth.

did not intervene.

But the council has taken down the "whites only" signs at all but one of its beaches and police have been loath to prosecute offenders where no warning is displayed. The signs have been taken down at

the beach Rev. Hendrickse used.

police officer, had nothing to do

with the mob and he has not been

Maddox and Grimes' lawyer, C.

Vernon Mason, said Saturday they

intend to use the incident to spur

political and economic

"This is a historic occasion,"

Maddox told the audience at the

Abyssinian Baptist Church. "It is

a day that long will be

remembered in the lives of our

people in their quest for liberation

Maddox and Mason berated

politicians, police, prosecutors

and reporters, saying they

perpetuated a racist system that

The lawvers and several men

they called on to speak portrayed

denies justice to blacks.

advancement for black people.

Three white youths were a court officer and the son of a

investigation indicates that Blum, opportunity to combat racism.

charged.

and freedom."

# performed transplants on eight infants, four of whom are still enough blood to circulate in the

Eight-day-old baby dies

after heart transplant

COLOMBO (R) — A cut-off of petrol and diesel supplies to the

interview published Sunday. Sathasivam Krishnakumar, alias Kittu, of the Liberation Tiger

government doing it again.

will strengthen us more."

#### Sandiford cooperates with the incident as an example of systemic injustice against blacks in Police bave said their the city, and said it has raised an transport services, set up traffic police, issue postage stamps and

# Moscow accuses Washington of blocking new Afghan initiative

Communist Party chief la . ! May in place of Babrak Karmai, who was put in power by the intervention of Soviet forces in December 1979. Since May many Karmal supporters have been removed from powerful positions.

reference to the guerrilias.

The bodies would be overseen by a supreme extraordinary courts, distribution of state He sought to distance himself medicines and seeds, and

#### interviewed and more than 200 any additional victims was Africa crisis on his return to agents bave collected data they mounted Saturday. Washington where he is to meet The fire, reportedly accompanied by explosions, swept through the hotel's ballroom, hope will show how and where the Oliver Tambo, leader of the inferno erupted. outlawed opposition African National Congress (ANC), later "We have a lot of important pieces of the jigsaw." be told casino and lower four floors. Some reporters Saturday at the 142 people were injured, and 21 blackened Dupont Plaza Hotel remained hospitalised Saturday.

**Congress convenes Tuesday** with Democrats in control WASHINGTON (AP) - The

100th Congress convenes Tuesday with opposition the president's state of the union Democrats, controlling both message (in late January), but this chambers for the first time in year we're not going to do that," Ronald Reagan's presidency, ready to seize the initiative on trade, arms control and the Iran-contra controversy.

The loss of eight Republican seats in Nov. 4 elections gave Democrats a 55-45 majority in the Senate. The Democrats also increased their margin in the House of Representatives to

258-177 Lingering controversy over the Iran-contra affair will be pushed to the front as each chamber establishes special investigative committees. But leaders scoff at the notion

that the scandal, which triggered the biggest flap during Mr. Reagan's six years in office, will sidetrack regular business. . Mr. Reagan is starting his final two years in the White House, and

both parties will be mindful that

the record of this Congress will be a major issue i presidential election. in the 1988 Swift legislative action has been promised by Democratic Representative Jim Wright, who succeeds retiring congressman Thomas O'Neill Jr., as speaker of the bouse, and Senator Robert

"Normally, the Senate and House have sat around until after

Sen. Byro said. After the Senate and House convene at noon (1700 GMT) Tuesday, resolutions will be introduced in both houses to establish two select committees to investigate the diversion of covert Iranian arms sales profits to contra

rebels fighting to overthrow the leftist Nicaraguan government. The Democratic chairmen of those two committees have said public hearings are unlikely before early February.

Also expected later this year is renewed debate on U.S. aid to the Nicaraugan rebels, which could lead to legislation on covert operations, arms sales and the National Security Council.

Trade legislation is expected to be on the agenda, too! A major trade bill passed the House last May but it was never acted upon by the then

Republican-controlled Senate. The House is expected to pass a similar bill quickly, and Senator

Lloyd Bentsen, the incoming chairman of the Senate Finance

Committee, has said he will move

GOREN BRIDGE

Both vulnerable. South deals. NORTH **◆**AKJa2

their quota.

Against four spades West led the trick, West could reckon on two dito have any high card except for his marked ace of diamonds. How could West force his partner to shift to a club instead of trying for West realized that if he contin-

was an open book. Declarer would not have played a low diamond

card at trick two. The only reason why West would continue with a low diamond at the second trick because he wanted a

MOSCOW (R) - The official Soviet News Agency TASS Sunday welcomed a peace drive by Afghan leader Najibullah and accused the United States of seeking to foil efforts to reach a

pobtical settlement to the Afghan

TASS called Mr. Najibuliah's announcement of a ceasefire by Afghan troops from Jan. 15 and bis plans for national reconciliation, including the establishment of a coalition government of national unity, a bold political initiative." But it added: "The world has once again seen for itself that whenever chances of reaching a

Afghanistan appear, the United States and some of its closest NATO allies do their best to foil these chances." TASS said the White House and the heads of the counter-revolutionary groupings in its keep "had shown their truc

political settlement around

Washington and the Afghan guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed Afghan government immediately rejected the terms of the ceasefire when it was first announced three days

orders.

The Communist Afgban government has pledged to observe the ceasefire until July 15 national reconciliation.

The Soviet Union, which

At a meeting of a newly-formed

If the guerrilias, who call

attacks.

These included the

Reiterating a pledge to form a coalition government of national

Those who have been living for

going for defence.

governed Afghanistan after the Communist takeover in 1978. "We are not the same people of

Mr. Najibullah took over as

faith of the overwhelming majority of Afghans, would be enshrined as the national religion in the second article of the new It also ordered the setting up of